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Scaffolding brought down four weeks early



Atop the Main Building, the freshly gilded Golden Dome shines brightly over Notre Dame's campus and welcomes a new year.

Fair weather hastens Dome's regilding

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Following a spring of intense debate over the timing of the regilding of the Golden Dome, the Notre Dame landmark's facelift was completed four weeks ahead of schedule this summer thanks to ideal weather conditions, officials said.

The \$300,000 regilding process — whose Dome-hiding scaffolding provoked backlash last March from members of the Class of 2005 who feared the landmark would not be visible in their graduation photos — was highly dependent upon the weather, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves said.

Though only a fistful of

28.9 karat gold leaf is needed to cover the entire Dome, the fragile process, done completely by hand, can only be accomplished in wind-free, dry conditions. The chance that bad weather could prevent the Dome from being finished before its stated Oct. 1 frost deadline provided the University's initial reasoning for erecting scaffolding before commencement.

"The interesting thing is that the scaffolding never actually touches the Dome," Affleck-Graves said. "So it sways about four inches and when the wind blows it sways up to 12 inches. But this happened to be an absolutely perfect summer. The weather was exception-

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Seven new rectors join University residences

Dorms welcome fresh faces in halls

By ANTHONY IANNAMORELLI
News Writer

Choosing from a pool of 92 applicants, the Office of Student Affairs hired seven new rectors over the summer to replace those who left Notre Dame at the end of last semester.

Kuukua Yomekpe of Pangborn, Sister Mary Lynch of McGlenn, Sister Janet Stankowski of Walsh, Jennifer Oliva of Howard, Rachel Kellogg of Breen-Phillips, Amalia de la Torre of Cavanaugh and Ronald Vierling of Morrissey all assumed their new posts upon the beginning of the 2005 school year.

"We could not be happier with those that we have chosen," said Sister Jean Lenz, assistant vice president of student affairs.

Selected based on how well a University committee judged they would fit in with a certain dorm, the new rectors are now entrusted with the close care of their dorms' residents.

Each of the seven has a masters degree in education or a related field, as well as extensive experience in teaching, ministry or leadership roles.

New Cavanaugh rector de la

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New administration acting early

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Student body president Dave Baron spent his summer with- in eyesight of the Golden Dome, slowly chipping away at a lofty list of goals to improve student life on and off campus.

The fruits of his work are already visible. Students returned to Notre Dame to find to-go cups for their beverages in the dining halls and Transpo trolleys circling campus on new routes to help serve students who want to travel off campus.

But Baron and student body vice president Lizzie Shappell say these changes are only the beginning.

The South Bend City Council's unexpected passage of an ordinance meant to curb student partying has caused Baron and his staff to give greater importance to Notre Dame/South Bend relations — a pillar of his platform from the beginning.

"It is still a major priority for our administration," Baron said. "But we didn't know the

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Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell, right, looks on as student body president Dave Baron outlines plans for the year.

SMC hires two Holy Cross priests



Father Randall Rentner will serve as a priest at Saint Mary's while completing his doctoral dissertation at Notre Dame.

Men to divide duties between SMC and ND

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

Freshmen are not the only new faces on the Saint Mary's campus this fall.

Orientation weekend provided students with their first opportunity to meet and spend time with the College's newest additions to Campus Ministry, Father Charles "Charlie" Gordon and Father Randall "Randy" Rentner.

"Both [Gordon and Rentner] are Holy Cross priests, and it's really exciting to have the Holy Cross priests be a part of the life here of the students," said Director of Campus Ministry

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Alleged assault reported at SMC

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

A Saint Mary's student reported that she was sexually assaulted on campus by a new acquaintance early Saturday morning, police and College officials said.

The alleged incident took place after the student met a man at a South Bend bar and returned with him to Saint Mary's in a cab to take a walk, St. Joseph County Police said in a statement.

The alleged victim, whose identity and age police would not release, told police she was assaulted between 2 and 2:30 a.m. behind Holy Cross Hall,

one of four residence halls on campus, the statement said.

Police are questioning possible suspects, but no arrests have been made, said Commander Brent Hemmerlein of the St. Joseph County Police Family Violence and Special Victims Unit. He declined to give any specifics about the identities of those questioned.

"It is an ongoing case and there is a lot of confidentiality because of the sensitivity of the case," Hemmerlein said.

After the alleged assault took place, the student contacted police and was examined at a local hospital, police said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Good advice not just for freshmen

Good advice is something we all need in our lives, especially during times of change. Most likely if you are reading this article, you are finding that you are facing a time of transition — and I am not just talking about freshmen.

Kelly Meehan

News Production Editor

At some point in our lives we have all received advice about college — whether it be from our seemingly paranoid parents warning us of the dangers of partying or from campus security threatening us with tickets for improper parking — and it is all up to us to take the information to heart.

I would like to offer you a piece of advice that you may have never heard before. However, I guarantee it will make your life and the lives of others much better. This advice is to simply be considerate of other people's pet peeves.

I know, this may sound a bit strange or maybe even obvious at first, but there are a few things I would like to point out.

You are now living among thousands of other students and coming in close contact with them on a daily basis. It is important to take some of your everyday actions into consideration.

For example, do you really think the girl in front of you appreciates the fact that you have decided to tap the back leg of her desk with your foot for the entire duration of calc class?

Or how do you think your friends really feel about your "hilarious" "Baby Got Back" techno remix ringtone that blares several times a day? I doubt they are thinking it is very funny anymore.

Maybe you could consider your roommates when you decide to hit snooze four times at 8 a.m. because you really do not want to shower before class anyway.

And I know everyone enjoys the occasionally leisurely walk — however, you might want to pick up the pace when you are walking on a main sidewalk two minutes before class starts. Everyone has somewhere to go, so save that slow stroll for a Sunday afternoon.

Perhaps you have complete control of your feet, only set a simple ring tone on your cell phone, and are a fast walker at all times. Still, take some time today to see if there is something you can change to make others' lives a little easier.

So as you are meeting new friends in these next few weeks and are asking the same cliché questions, such as "Where are you from?" and "Do you call it pop or soda?" stop and ask, "So, what are your pet peeves?" It is a great conversation starter that can lead to lasting, peaceful relationships.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 24 edition of The Observer, it was mistakenly reported that the International Student Orientation would take place today from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The orientation event actually took place last Thursday. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON AROUND CAMPUS?



Brian McCarthy
senior off campus

"O'Leary is a legend! He built the Gug."



Leslie Follmer
senior off campus

"What construction?"



G. Dillon Murphy
second year MBA

"It's great. Of course, it won't be done until they're asking us for money."



Pablo Nava
sophomore Siegfried

"It frightens and confuses me!"



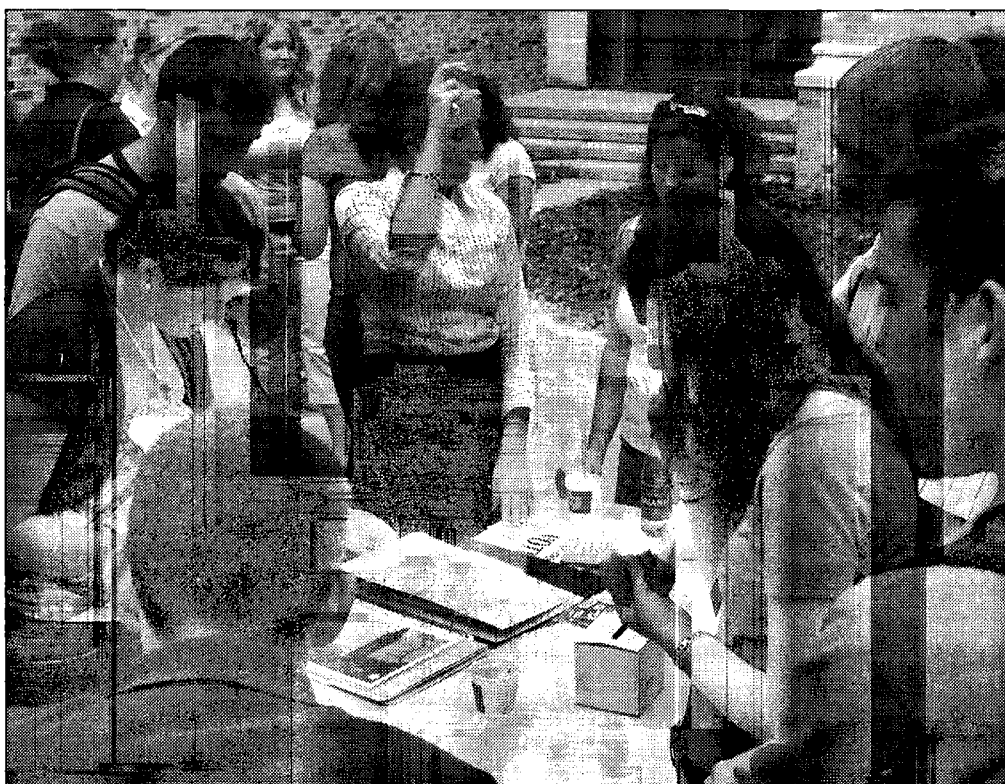
Christian Brown
junior Alumni

"Is that what my tuition went to?"



Drew Beatty
junior Alumni

"I think the new entrance and all the dirt mounds look nice."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Students who were abroad with the spring London program gathered in the Hurley courtyard for a reception Wednesday to visit with each other and vote for the best student pictures taken while studying overseas.

IN BRIEF

The Graduate Student Union is holding a picnic tonight from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 for graduate, law and MBA students in the Fischer-O'Hara-Grace parking lot.

Burt Levy, an author and vintage European sports car specialist, will give a lecture tonight entitled "Italian Carrozzeria: Sculpture with Soul, Speed, Passion and Purpose." The event will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. The event is free and open to the public.

The volleyball team will face off against Michigan at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Joyce Center Arena.

Photographs by Sebastião Salgado will be exhibited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. beginning Sunday in the O'Shaughnessy Galleries II and III of the Snite Museum of Art. The photographs are on loan from the Yancey Richardson Gallery in New York.

The Show, featuring bands Akon and Cake, will take place Friday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Doors open at 7. Students must bring a valid ID card to gain admittance. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office.

The annual International Undergraduate Getting Acquainted Dinner will take place Sunday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 in the Welsh Family Hall lounge.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

OFFBEAT

Escaped peacock returns home safely after summer

CHICHESTER, N.H. — Daryl the escaped peacock had a magical summer. He scavenged for bugs and raided gardens, roaming freely, while his mate, Darla the peahen, nested at home. But all good things come to an end.

Daryl was caught last week, four months after he escaped (probably frightened by a coyote) and 10 miles from home.

Over the summer, Daryl dodged cars on Route 4, was sighted numerous times but always eluded capture. In the end, he was caught with

patio furniture and cracked corn.

His owner, Wendy Cassetta, is amazed by his safe return.

"It gives me heart palpitations to think of how many of his lives he used up out there," said Cassetta of Chichester.

Daryl's reunion with Darla and Cassetta can be credited to Susan Intinarelli of Pembroke.

Meth dealer tosses out trash instead of drugs

A suspected methamphetamine dealer was arrested after he tossed a bag of trash from a truck instead of the bag con-

taining the drug, police said.

Jason Coates, 35, of Tracy, "was visibly shaken when he was told he had tossed the wrong bag" while being pursued by police in a car chase last week, Alameda County Sheriff's Deputy Steve Angeja said.

Coates was charged Monday with possession of methamphetamine for sale, possessing a firearm while selling drugs and evading police. He is held on \$255,000 bail.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 81 LOW 60	HIGH 61 LOW 50	HIGH 83 LOW 66	HIGH 83 LOW 63	HIGH 85 LOW 64	HIGH 83 LOW 61

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SENATE

Group opens year with diversity

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

The first Senate meeting of the year opened Wednesday night with an issue that has quickly become a hot topic at the University — diversity.

Iris Outlaw, director of multicultural student programs and services, encouraged senators to promote diversity at Notre Dame by wearing blue and gold rubber bracelets imprinted with the phrase "Diversity Matters @ ND."

"We know how you've all been wearing these funky little bracelets," Outlaw said, referring to trends like the popular "Livestrong" yellow band.

Outlaw said the "schism" that opened last year — a likely reference to the firing of former Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham — prompted the University to seek a visible symbol of its commitment to diversity.

"We thought we needed to reunify us as a community, faculty, staff and students," Outlaw said. "We wanted to show Notre Dame was a welcoming place."

The bracelets are being sponsored by the Office of the President, the Graduate School, the Institute for Latino Studies, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the Provost Office and the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs. So far, 10,000 have been printed.



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Iris Outlaw, director of multicultural student programs and services, handed out diversity bracelets to Senate members Wednesday.

In other Senate news:

◆ Student body president Dave Baron announced the official creation of the Minority Affairs Committee, chaired by Rhea Boyd, and the Community Relations Committee, chaired by Nick Guzman.

Baron also mentioned his excitement for University President Father John Jenkins' upcoming inauguration.

"It's a really cool time," Baron said. "We have the ability to set the tone for students for the entire Jenkins administration."

◆ NDBay.com is up and running, chief executive assistant Liz

Kozlow said. The Web site, formerly run by recent graduates Chris Kelly and Aaron Wenger, has been purchased by Student Government and will be run by a joint advisory committee along with the Student Business Board.

◆ Director of Communications Steve Miller said the first edition of campus-wide Stall Notes will come out next week.

◆ Residence Life Committee chair Mark Seiler said to-go cups have been placed in the dining halls as a pilot program this semester.

◆ Those interested in Student Government are invited to a "Student Government 101" meeting next Wednesday from 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune.

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"We wanted to show Notre Dame was a welcoming place."

Iris Outlaw
director of
multicultural student
programs and services

New FedEx Kinko's opens on campus

Business moves into Grace Hall, LaFortune

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

The window to the copy shop in the basement of Grace Hall still reads ND, but there is nothing Irish about the bright purple wall inside.

The new paint is the beginning of transforming the appearance of the old ND Copy Shop into what is now the first of two on-campus FedEx Kinko's locations. Matthew Erste, FedEx Kinko's major account manager, said not all of the usual FedEx Kinko's signage is in place yet because FedEx Kinko's typically takes twice as long to arrange a new location than it has in Grace Hall.

The presence of a FedEx Kinko's on campus comes as a result of a University review of the copy centers. The new arrangement includes an additional FedEx Kinko's, which is scheduled to assume the

current LaFortune Copy Shop location during fall break, Erste said. This location will put the business right in the middle of campus, an area with high student traffic.

"Kinko's benefits because we are closer to our market," Erste said.

Erste also said FedEx Kinko's is leasing the two locations from the University, and will treat them as they would any off-campus location.

"From our perspective, these are two new retail spaces," he said.

However, he also said Kinko's began on college campuses in California and the company is "excited to

be part of the University."

As such, Erste speculated that FedEx Kinko's will "probably sponsor something down the road, be it a concert or handing out free coffee."

"From our perspective, these are two new retail spaces."

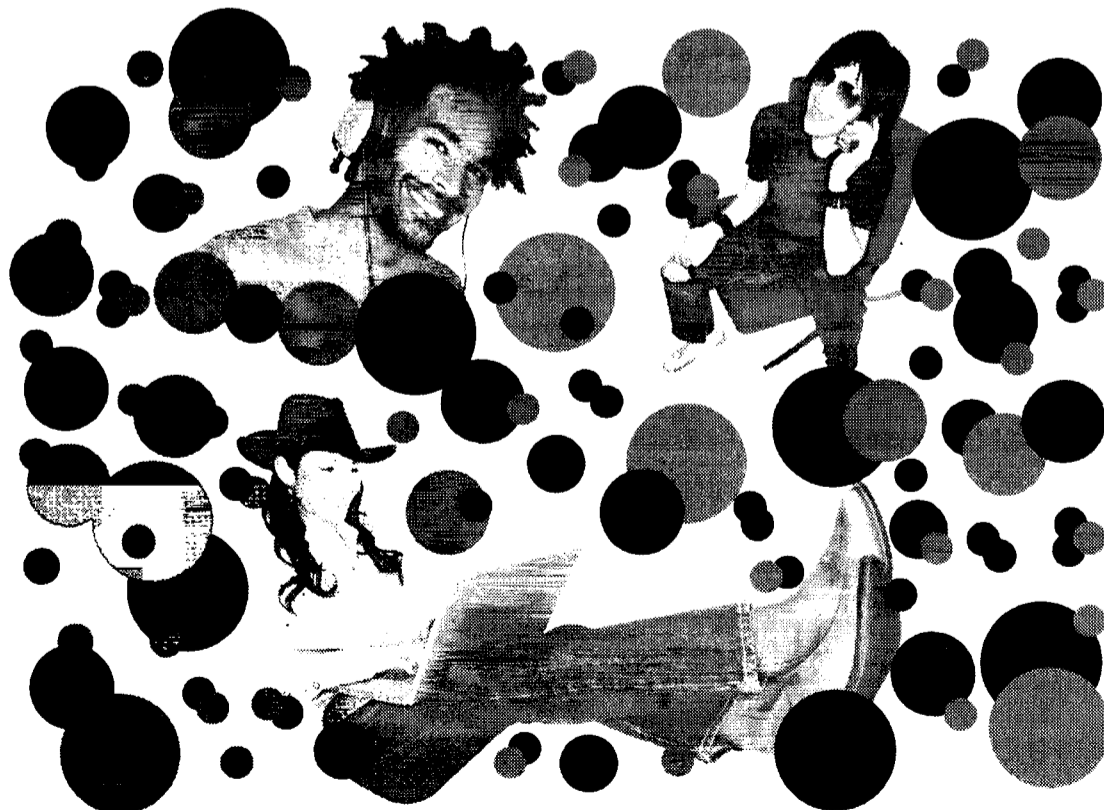
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Priests

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Judith Fean.

The two men are replacing Father Joseph Carey, also a Holy Cross priest, who ministered to the College for five years before announcing his retirement from the position last April.

Gordon said he was approached about the opportunity by his provincial superior, the person in charge of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (CSC).

"Since the very beginning of the CSC, the tradition has been that we participate in one another's apostolicals," Gordon said, referring to the relationship between the brothers, sisters and priests of the CSC. For this reason, Gordon applied and accepted the position.

Hiring two priests instead of one was a move unexpected by members of the College community. However, Fean said the choice was a good one for this year, and the men will be dividing the responsibilities of the position equally.

"For this year we are very excited to have [both Rentner and Gordon]. We're going to look at how this year pans out and move from there as time goes on," Fean said. "They agreed to split up the masses and special liturgies; we have parent weekends like Sophomore Parent Weekend, Junior Moms, etc. So we'll be having a diversity of priests able to celebrate with our community."

Fean stressed the College will continue to maintain the same Mass schedule as last year, so the same opportunities will be available to students.

In addition to Mass, confession and Eucharistic admiration, Carey's duties on campus included leading a Bible study session called "Breaking Open the Word," which helped prepare students for the upcoming liturgy, and serving as campus liaison to Holy Cross and Annunciata halls. The latter tradition will no longer continue, Fean said.

"Anyone from any residence hall can ask anyone in Campus Ministry to work with them in collaboration with enhancing the faith life and spiritual life in the halls," she said.

As for the liturgy preparation Carey's Bible study provided for

students, each of the Saint Mary's campus ministers will share responsibility in leading it.

"Our hope ... is to enable our peer ministry, our students here, to be able to [be Eucharistic ministers, preachers and lead prayer services] because they can do that in their parishes upon graduation," Fean said.

Divvying duties may lessen the burden on the two priests, who both have full-time commitments to Notre Dame as well as Saint Mary's. Gordon is a professor of theology at the University, while Rentner is a student completing his doctoral dissertation in education personnel. He recently moved back to the South Bend area from New York to attend Notre Dame.

Rentner said he does not think his responsibilities as a priest at Saint Mary's and his commitment as a Notre Dame student will be a difficult balance to maintain.

"I see myself as being part of the balance," he said.

Fean said Campus Ministry staff — including another new member, Minister Regina Wilson — and the entire Saint Mary's community are excited and thankful these priests have offered their services to the College.

"[We] look forward to how this evolves," Fean said. "That doesn't mean that some point down the road we might not have a full-time [priest]."

The two priests are looking forward to working with the students in the upcoming year, Gordon said.

"I was very impressed by the amount of background [each student possessed] with their faith and their level of enthusiasm for participating in Campus Ministry," he said.

While most students were sad to see Carey leave, they also look forward to this new beginning and getting to know the new ministers.

"It's hard for someone to replace Father Joe, but I was very impressed with Father Randy," junior Rosemary Walsh said after attending Sunday's Mass. "He seems to be a great fit for Saint Mary's, and his homily was pertinent. I am looking forward to getting to know and spending time with Father Randy on my faith journey."

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Rectors

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Torre is a mother of three who has spent the last two years in fund development for Mary Imogene Basset Hospital in Cooperstown, N.Y. She has worked with at-risk children and taught at the high school level. She has a master's degree in policy analysis and management from Indiana University at Bloomington.

Breen-Phillips rector Kellogg, a South Bend native with a master's degree in English from Indiana University, taught English composition for the last year at the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne, Ind. She also worked as an advisor to the student newspaper.

Before becoming rector of McGlenn, Lynch was the Formation Director for candidates at the Mount Saint Joseph Convent in Philadelphia, Penn. She has a master's degree in

spiritual direction from Chestnut Hill College and master's in theology from Notre Dame. She has spent more than 10 years ministering to college students on campuses such as Princeton, North Carolina State and the University of North Carolina.

Oliva, of Howard, has served as Director of Youth Ministry at St. Matthias Parish in Milwaukee, Wis. for the last six years. Her responsibilities ranged from training catechists, leading youth groups and coordinating programs. She has a master's degree in pastoral studies from St. Francis



BETH WEHNET/The Observer
New Pangborn rector Kuukua Yomekpe, center, meets with students, including Kelsey Larson, left, and Marlena Mangan.

Seminary in Milwaukee.

Before coming to Walsh, Stankowski worked for Voices for Earth Justice, an interfaith non-profit organization dedicated to environmental causes that she co-founded. Stankowski earned her doctorate of ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Union in South Bend. In her time as a minister, she has worked with college students in Florida and Kentucky, ex-offenders and those suffering from AIDS.

New Morrissey rector Vierling received his master's from Holy Apostles College in Cromwell, CT. He is a member of the Oblates of

Mary at the Foot of the Cross. He has been active in teaching, ministry and parish administration, and served as chair of the theology department. He was ordained in 1992 in the Archdiocese of New York.

Originally from Ghana, Africa, Yomekpe received her master's in English from the University of Dayton two years ago. She taught English composition

there for a year and was active in literary festivals, writing labs and mentoring before becoming Pangborn's rector. She organized the University of Dayton's African Literature Conference for 2002-03. As an in-residence campus minister there, she was responsible for 1,200 students along with organizing a service trip to Haiti.

Outgoing rectors were helpful in the transition, some new rectors said.

"[Former Howard rector Kathy Brannock] left great files, and everything was totally organized for me to just walk in and start right up," Oliva said.

Many new rectors stressed service and ministry as something that will be paramount to their dorm's agenda.

"The greatest joy is the biggest challenge — ministering to youth," Vierling said.

De la Torre said that although the rector position is one job, there are many roles to fill within it.

"You must be an administrator, counselor, psychologist, manager, minister and parent figure," she said. "But that only scratches the surface."

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Assault

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Hemmerlein declined to comment on whether any evidence of rape was found during the exam. He also declined to comment on whether the student suffered any physical injuries during the alleged incident.

The Saint Mary's student body was notified of the alleged incident by Director of Security Dave Chapman in an e-mail sent out Sunday at noon. In it, he said every resource was being made available to the student. The e-mail did not describe the alleged assault as a sexual assault, but Chapman sent out a second e-mail 24 hours later clarifying its nature.

"I understand there have been some questions about the nature of the assault and I want to be very clear about what took place," Chapman

said in the second e-mail.

Chapman then urged students to travel in groups when they go out and to be cautious with new acquaintances.

Security on campus is not being increased in any way in response to the alleged assault, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said.

"Our security is excellent, and there are all kinds of efforts in place to keep our students safe," McDonald said.

McDonald cited call boxes scattered around campus and security escorts from parking lots as examples. Security also offers students tips on how to stay safe on the department's Web site, she said.

"There is always the possibility of something unfortunate to occur, and sometimes the students need to take some of that into their own hands," McDonald said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Fires rage in Northern Portugal

LISBON — Wildfires flared again around Portugal's third-largest city Wednesday, just hours after firefighters brought them under control after fighting a dozen blazes this week.

More than 540 firefighters supported by 150 fire trucks and seven air tankers were battling blazes in the Coimbra district alone. They also were working in the central and northern districts of Porto, Santarém, Vila Real, Viseu.

Four more people were arrested Wednesday on suspicion of arson — raising to 122 the number of people detained this year on suspicion of deliberately starting fires. Eighty people were arrested last year for arson in Portugal.

Rival Shiites clash, add to Iraq crisis

BAGHDAD — Clashes erupted between rival Shiite groups across the Shiite-dominated south Wednesday, threatening Iraq with yet another crisis at a time when politicians are struggling to end a constitutional stalemate with Sunni Arabs.

The confrontation in at least five southern cities — involving a radical Shiite leader who led two uprisings against U.S. forces last year — followed the boldest assault by Sunni insurgents in weeks in the capital.

Dozens of insurgents wearing black uniforms and masks attacked Iraqi police in western Baghdad with multiple car bombs and small-arms fire that killed at least 13 people and wounded 43, police said.

The new violence came as the Pentagon announced it was ordering 1,500 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division to Iraq to provide security for the scheduled Oct. 15 referendum on the proposed constitution and the December national elections.

NATIONAL NEWS

Muslims urge Bush to support Islam

PLAINFIELD, Ind. — A leading U.S. Muslim group called on President Bush Wednesday to show his support for mainstream Islam in this country and worldwide by meeting with the group next week in Chicago.

Bush could make a powerful statement to the world's 1.2 billion Muslims by appearing at the annual meeting of the Islamic Society of North America, just as he showed his support for adherents of the religion when he visited a Washington mosque a few days after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said Sayyid Syeed, the group's secretary general.

Katrina nears hurricane status

MIAMI — A hurricane warning was issued for the southeast Florida coast late Wednesday and people were advised to take safety precautions in advance of a late Thursday strike by a growing Tropical Storm Katrina.

Katrina was expected to reach hurricane strength as it moved west from the Bahamas and across the Gulf Stream, said forecasters at the National Hurricane Center.

The forecast path appeared centered on the Miami-Fort Lauderdale area, but forecasters warned that the storm could easily slip more to the north or south before making landfall early Friday.

LOCAL NEWS

Campaign director pleads guilty

INDIANAPOLIS — The former executive director of the state senate Republican campaign committee pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing thousands of dollars from the group and filing a false campaign finance report.

Under the terms of a plea bargain agreement, Bradley Hiller will face up to 18 months in prison and be fined nearly \$147,000.

"This is a case where someone in a position of responsibility siphoned off a considerable amount of money to line his own pockets," Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said in a statement.

Historic bases stay open, others to close

Federal Commission decision would save thousands of New England jobs

Associated Press

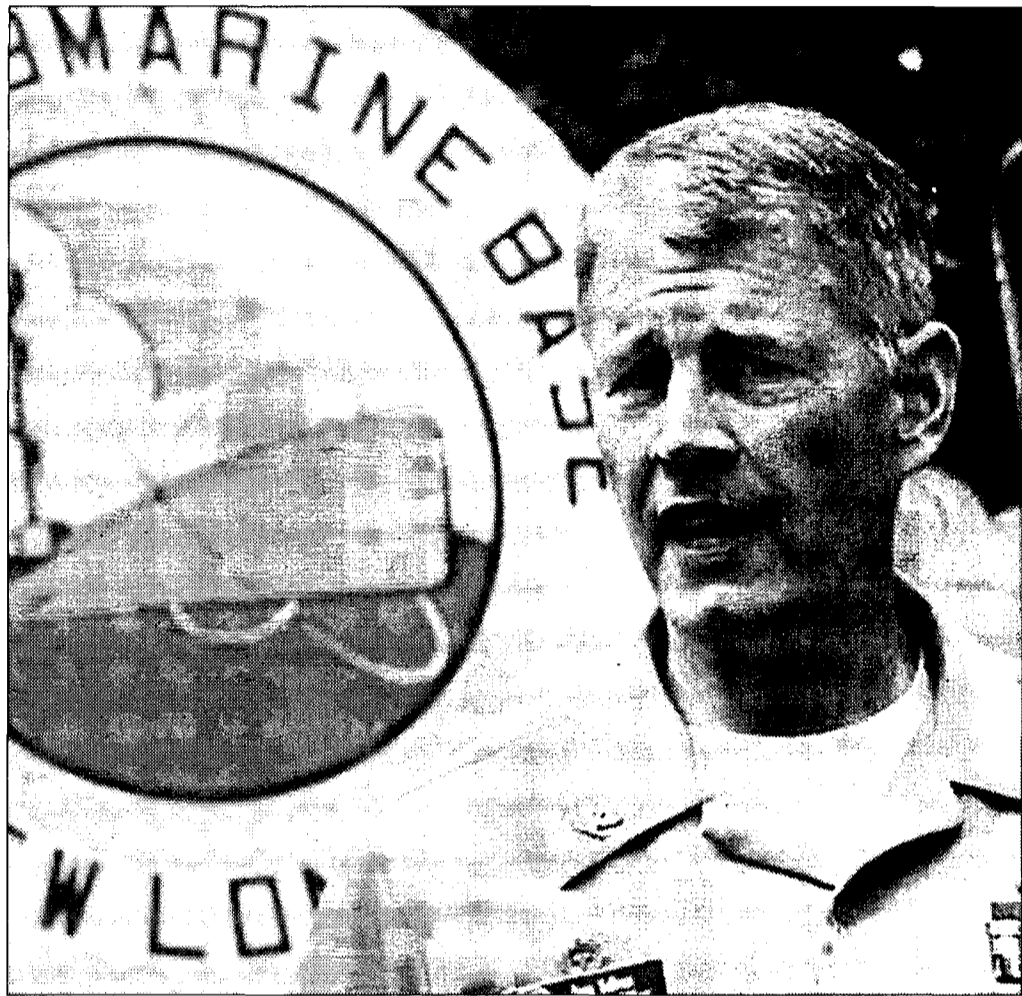
WASHINGTON — Bucking the Pentagon, a federal commission preserved a major military presence in New England on Wednesday by keeping open two historic Navy facilities that together provide 12,000 jobs for a defense-dependent economy.

The independent panel sped through the first day of its final decisions on the plan it will send to President Bush, who can accept it or order changes. Congress also has a chance to veto the plan, but has not taken that step in four previous rounds of closures.

The commission signed off on most of the Pentagon's plans to close, shrink or expand hundreds of small and large Army and Navy facilities from coast to coast. It has yet to take up any Air Force proposals, including the contentious question of whether the service can strip aircraft from about two dozen Air National Guard facilities across the country.

Later this week, the commission will consider that proposal as well as the one that has caused the most political consternation, the Air Force's attempt to close Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota, home to freshman Sen. John Thune. He argued during the 2004 campaign that he — not Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle — would be in a better position to save the facility, but it showed up on the Pentagon's closure list anyway.

In some of its first decisions, the commission voted to keep open several major Army and Navy bases that military planners want to shut down, including the Portsmouth shipyard in Kittery, Maine, and the New London submarine base in



Capt. Sean Sullivan, Commanding Officer of the Naval Submarine Base New London, reacts to the news of the base staying open at a press conference Wednesday.

Groton, Conn., two of the Navy's oldest bases.

"Yahoo!" exclaimed Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn. "Submarine base New London lives, and I think that it will live forever."

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., who urged the commission to save the shipyard in Maine near the New Hampshire border, added: "This is a sweet victory."

Congressional delegations, retired Navy officers and others had fiercely lobbied the commission to spare the two bases, arguing that the economic impact would be devastating and the region would be unprotected in the face of

terrorist threats. Commissioners had the same concerns.

The survival of the two bases marked big wins for New England congressional delegations and governors. Even as the commission was voting, elected officials from those and other states — such as Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida and Thune — attended the hearing and served as visual reminders of their efforts.

Some analysts have said closing both the shipyard and the submarine base would devastated the economy along the coast from Maine to Rhode Island. Loss

of the submarine base, which former President Carter, a dozen admirals and high-ranking Congress members opposed, would have cost about 8,000 jobs, and closing the shipyard would have cost 4,000, some estimated. Many more jobs at businesses that depend on the bases also were at risk.

The commission did, however, decide to close Naval Air Station Brunswick in Maine, rather than drastically reduce forces there as the Pentagon wanted. Commissioners argued that savings could be realized more quickly if it were shut down altogether.

CHINA

Chinese, Russian troops participate in war games

Associated Press

SHANGHAI — Thousands of Chinese and Russian troops launched a mock amphibious landing on a Chinese beach Wednesday as Moscow's defense minister said the joint war games underscore a growing strategic partnership between the former Cold War adversaries.

Chinese state television showed fog and rain blanketing the coast of the northern Chinese province of Shandong as landing craft disgorged troops and amphibious tanks and armored vehicles in the heavy surf.

Bombers and fighter jets attacked imaginary targets on shore as soldiers charged through seaside scrub and rappelled down ropes from helicopters.

Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov met Wednesday with his Chinese counter-

part Cao Gangqun, telling him the unprecedented war games showed their "strategic cooperative partnership has entered into a new stage," China's official Xinhua News Agency said.

Cao replied that the exercises deepened trust and cooperation in military affairs and had an important realistic significance and profound historic impact on the safeguarding of regional and world peace and security.

The eight-day exercise, dubbed "Peace Mission 2005" and expected to end Thursday, involved about 7,000 Chinese troops and 1,800 Russians, along with state-of-the-art warships, warplanes and armor.

Although the two nations have previously participated in border security exercises, involving other Central Asia countries, the joint war games represent the first real military cooperation

between them.

Chinese and Russian generals have sought to reassure the region that the exercises aren't directed against any other nation. Under a fictional scenario, the forces have a U.N. mandate to stabilize a country plunged into violence by ethnic strife.

Yet, Chinese media and military analysts say the exercises also are aimed at showing Washington that Russia and China can respond to provocations, especially over Taiwan, which China has vowed to reclaim by force if necessary.

The two nations have also been unnerved by U.S. deployments in the Central Asia and have used their dominance of the six-nation Shanghai Cooperation Organization — whose defense ministers are observing the drills — to demand withdrawals of American forces.

Goals

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issue was going to be put on the table this summer. I was involved in that and tried to communicate our position that it was being passed without adequate input from the students."

Baron said he has been in contact with Ann Pazello, council member of the fourth district of the city of South Bend, and Ann Carol Nash, assistant city attorney.

"We'll coordinate legal defense if it's necessary but hopefully it's not," Baron said. "We plan to make sure students are treated fairly and that they receive a warning before any actions are taken against them."

The issue of community relations is the probable topic for student government's fall Board of Trustees report, Baron said. The twice-yearly presentation is given by student government officials and reports on student life as it currently exists to the

University's chief governing body.

More of Baron's administration's handiwork will be seen sooner than that in various facets of student life — from the newly purchased online textbook trading site NDBay to a men's sexual assault awareness group.

Student government recently spent \$5,000 to purchase NDBay, an online book-trading site previously owned and operated by recent Notre Dame graduates Chris Kelly and Aaron Wenger.

"We hope to make it accessible through AFS IDs and to integrate ticket share for football and basketball tickets online," Baron said.

Like his predecessor, Adam Istvan, Baron also plans to devote a significant amount of student government's energy to improving minority relations on campus.

"We have a newly created minority affairs committee in place which allows for minorities to have a louder voice on policy issues," Baron said. "They will look at the diversity double count requirement and

work on a proposal that is beneficial but not too onerous to students."

Plans for reaching more concrete goals are also in the works. Cheaper copies at the new FedEx Kinko's, further discussion on the College Readership Program, and speakers for the first Catholic Think Tank lecture series are all on Baron and Shappell's to-do list.

The approaching inauguration of University President Father John Jenkins makes this year an especially exciting one, Baron said.

"I know Father Jenkins, in planning his inauguration, made students a priority, and that's a sign of what this administration is going to be about and I'm extremely encouraged," he said.

Shappell is equally optimistic for the upcoming year.

"We're excited," she said. "We have a full plate, but we have a great group of committees to get the job done."

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Anthropologist lives college freshman year

Associated Press

PHOENIX — As a professor at Northern Arizona University, Cathy Small was baffled by undergraduates. They seemed less engaged, less likely to do assigned reading and more likely to ask questions like "Do you want it double-spaced?"

So she decided to study them as anthropologists research any foreign culture — she lived among them.

After moving into a dorm, eating cafeteria food and struggling with a five-course schedule, Small said she empathized with students who struggle to balance chaotic class and work schedules.

"I'm trying to get really to what student culture is doing and tailor my teaching," said Small, who wrote a book on her research under the pseudonym Rebekah Nathan called "My Freshman Year: What a Professor Learned by Becoming a Student."

Small took a sabbatical and spent the 2002-2003 school year conducting her research. With approval from the university's research board, she used her high school transcript to get admitted and moved into a dorm — though she did forgo the roommate experience by getting a single room.

Small spent the first semester taking classes outside her field of expertise, trying to immerse herself in student life. She didn't go to her flagstaff home and didn't contact regular friends, trying to experience the loneliness

and other travails of freshman life.

During her second semester, she did more formal interviews and focused on the research, which she published without identifying students or the university, although it eventually was outed by the media.

Small said she found that students downplayed publicly the effort they put into assigned reading or papers, but when interviewed, many said they were interested in their course work.

Her surveys also found that only about a third of what students were talking and thinking about outside of class was based on their course work.

That finding has led Small to change her coursework to better connect to the real world and to skip reading assignments that don't have a direct purpose.

Part of the trick to college life, she learned from good students, was being able to quickly decipher what work needed to be done and what could be skipped. Those management skills helped students balance classes, part-time work and involvement in volunteer or professional groups, Small said.

She found some of the coursework tough and had to seek tutoring for a class far outside her field of study. "It was a hectic life," she said.

Small also said she found current undergraduates faced more pressure to pick a major that readily translated into a job that could pay off student loans.

Dome

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al."

In the spring, after weeks of negotiation with senior representatives, Affleck-Graves ordered the scaffolding removed to the base of the Dome in time for graduation.

Longer labor hours over the summer helped make up for the work days missed during the temporary take-down, Affleck-Graves said.

Now, nearly five months later, the regilding is finally complete. Additional painting and landscaping around the Main Building will be completed by Sept. 9, head of business operations Jim Lyphout said.

In late May, then-University President-elect Father John Jenkins, then-University President Father Edward Malloy and Affleck-Graves toured the top of the Dome to view the regilding process firsthand.

"When you get up there it was amazing to see the dam-

age," Affleck-Graves said. "It surprised me. It was cracked and discolored with blue blobs on it. Boy, when you were that close you could see it had to get done."

The last regilding was done 17 years ago. Affleck-Graves said he hopes the latest touch-ups, including work on the Main Building itself, will last for at least 15 years. In addition to the regilding, the paint was completely stripped from the tower of the Main Building — a job done far less often.

"The tower has to have the paint taken off completely," Affleck-Graves said. "In the 70s they did a really good job of putting on a clean base. We only have to do that every 50 years and every other time we're essentially re-painting it."

Despite the student outcry in the spring against the Dome regilding, Affleck-Graves said commencement beneath a partially uncovered Dome was peaceful.

"The amazing thing was that at commencement not one person spoke to me about [the re-

gilding controversy]," Affleck-Graves said. "I think generally the response was that they appreciated us taking it down to the level of the gutter [of the Dome]."

And last week, students returned to campus to find themselves beneath the watchful stare of a brighter-than-ever Virgin Mary.

"It was a special treat to come back to," senior Kyle Clements said. "Obviously it was a lot brighter and I could tell a big difference."

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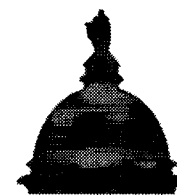
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MARKET RECAP

Stocks			
Dow Jones	10,434.87	-87.71	
Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,447	180	1,824	1,702,333,520

AMEX	1,618.68	+7.61
NASDAQ	2,128.91	-8.34
NYSE	7,417.42	-36.36
S&P 500	1,209.59	0.00
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	12,405.16	-97.10
FTSE 100(London)	5,275.20	-25.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 (QQQQ)	-0.59	-0.23	38.50
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.22	-0.06	26.81
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-1.35	-0.24	17.52
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.74	-0.19	25.53
BEACON POWER CORP (BCON)	-8.44	-0.40	4.34

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.16	-0.07	43.98
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.19	-0.08	41.79
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.10	-0.04	40.45
3-MONTH BILL	-0.29	-0.10	34.30

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+1.61	67.32
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-2.10	442.20
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.93	80.53

Exchange Rates	
YEN	109.8900
EURO	0.8128
POUND	0.5535
CANADIAN \$	1.1894

Oil prices hit record high, stocks sink

Drop wipes out yesterday's surge after Energy Department report brings brief rise

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks sank amid increasing pessimism on Wall Street Wednesday, shedding early gains after oil prices reached another record high and a mix of data provided conflicting views on the economy.

The surge in crude prices wiped out the advance that followed the Energy Department's latest inventory report, which showed a strong buildup of heating oil and distillate stocks. Concerns about a drawdown in crude oil and a tropical storm threatening oil facilities pushed crude futures to a new record. A barrel of light crude surged \$1.61 to settle at \$67.32 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, surpassing the previous record settlement of \$66.86 per barrel on Aug. 12.

The market's earlier momentum grew out of the Commerce Department's latest report on new home sales, which rose to an annualized 1.41 million units, better than the 1.328 million home sales expected. But the government also reported a sharp decline in orders for big-ticket manufactured goods — leading investors to wonder whether an economic slowdown was imminent.

"In all you're seeing sort of a mixed reaction out there," said Brian Williamson, an equity trader at The Boston Company Asset Management. "The oil data was good because of the distillates, but you're still seeing oil prices higher because of demand. And we're seeing a lot of volatility across the board."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 84.71, or 0.81 percent, to 10,434.87.

Broader stock indicators also lost ground. The Standard & Poor's 500 lost



James O'Callaghan, right, of J&D Securities, compares notes with Jeffrey Vazquez of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday.

7.98, or 0.65 percent, to 1,209.59 — falling back into negative territory for the year. The Nasdaq composite index dropped 8.34, or 0.39 percent, to 2,128.91.

Volume was light, which is typical for late August, but that only magnified stocks' volatility and possibly exaggerated Wall Street's reaction to oil prices and the economic news.

Bonds traded in a narrow range throughout the day, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note steady falling to 4.17 percent from 4.18 percent late Tuesday. The

dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

Investors started the session with the Commerce Department's report that durable goods — items designed to last at least three years — fell 4.9 percent in July, a sharp drop from the 1.9 percent climb in June and far steeper than the 1.5 percent drop economists had expected.

However, the home sales report helped home builder stocks rebound from the previous session's losses. Toll Brothers Inc. gained

\$2.07 to \$50, KB Home jumped \$1.24 to \$72.20 and Lennar Corp. rose \$1.17 to \$60.10. Yet even the housing report carried a caveat — while sales are up, the average price of a new home fell.

"Although there was some encouragement by new homes sales rising, prices declined. That suggests we are possibly getting a decline in prices, and that's not good for consumer spending," said Hugh Johnson, chairman and chief investment officer of Johnson Illington Advisors.

IN BRIEF

Conde Nast to start business magazine

NEW YORK — Conde Nast Publications Inc., the publisher of Vanity Fair and Vogue, said Wednesday it will start up a monthly business magazine, the company's first foray into the business magazine world.

The still-unnamed magazine has no launch date, but Conde Nast said it hired Joanne Lipman, a deputy managing editor of The Wall Street Journal, as its managing-in-chief.

Conde Nast, owned by privately-held communications company Advance Publications Inc., also named David Carey, vice president and publisher of The New Yorker, president of the new business magazine group.

The new publication will be part of a new business news group within Conde Nast. The group will publish business news online, along with its monthly magazine.

Lipman will be involved with developing a prototype of Conde Nast's new business magazine and she will be involved with assembling its staff.

Court extends deadline for ATA

WASHINGTON — The bankruptcy court overseeing the Chapter 11 case of ATA Airlines Inc. extended the company's sole right to file a reorganization plan to Sept. 30.

An order issued Tuesday by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Indianapolis also extended ATA's exclusive right to lobby creditors for support to Nov. 30.

Bankruptcy law requires companies operating under Chapter 11 to submit a plan outlining how creditors will be paid.

Exclusive periods that prevent other parties from submitting such plans to the court allow the company to retain control of the restructuring process without outside interference.

The Indianapolis-based airline, owned by ATA Holdings Corp., filed for Chapter 11 protection in October 2004.

According to court papers, the airline initially had sought to extend its sole right to file a plan to Nov. 10 and move the deadline for its exclusive solicitation period to Jan. 9, 2006. An attorney for the airline said Wednesday the new dates reflect a request made during a recent hearing, but declined to elaborate on why the change was made.

USDA to allow organic label on cosmetics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is reversing its decision to yank the "USDA Organic" seal from lotions and lip balms and will now allow cosmetics to carry the round, green label.

An organic soap company and a consumer group had sued the Agriculture Department for ordering removal of the distinctive seal.

Without the government seal, the word organic is "just a fluff marketing claim," David Bronner, president of Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps, said Wednesday.

"It's kind of a truth in advertising thing — consumers can trust that it is indeed free of synthetics and does support organic farming and agriculture," said Bronner, whose company and the Organic Consumers Association had sued the department in June.

The department created the label

three years ago for food and other products grown without pesticides or fertilizer and made with all-natural, chemical-free ingredients. It applies to meat and dairy products from animals given organic feed and access to the outdoors and never given antibiotics or growth hormones.

Department officials decided in April they didn't have the authority to regulate cosmetics and ordered companies to remove the USDA seal. Late Tuesday, one day before a deadline to respond to the lawsuit, the department issued a memo reversing its decision.

Barbara Robinson, head of the department's National Organic Program, said officials have struggled over the issue, particularly because the program is still new.

"We're USDA. We're looking at it from an agricultural perspective — we do agricultural products here. We do food," Robinson said in an

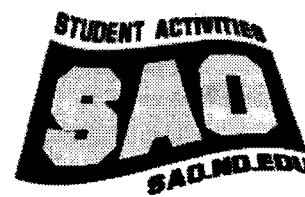
interview. "We don't do cosmetics here. We're not lipstick. We're not mouthwash. We're not lawn care products. It takes a while to sit down and look at this and say, all right, how do we make this work?"

In the end, officials determined that it doesn't matter what type of product is labeled, as long as it follows the rules. In other words, Robinson said, "What difference does it make if you brush your teeth with it or eat it?"

The reversal also allows dietary supplements and pet food to carry the organic seal. The department is in the process of creating organic standards for fish.

The decision to remove the seal from cosmetics had frustrated companies that, like Bronner's, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to find all-organic ingredients and get certified to use the seal. Only products cleared by government-authorized agents can use the seal.

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Officers claim bias in drug tests

Dismissed for positive cocaine results, police sue Boston department

Associated Press

BOSTON — The seven police officers swore they didn't use cocaine, yet their hair tested positive for the drug. The officers — all of them black — were promptly fired or suspended.

"I was in complete and utter shock," said Officer Shawn Noel Harris. "I know that I never used drugs a day in my life."

The Boston officers are now suing the police department, claiming the mandatory drug test is unreliable and racially biased. They say hair testing is unfair because drug compounds show up more readily in dark hair than light hair.

Their civil rights lawsuit is one of many legal challenges against hair drug tests, which are used by companies and police departments nationwide. Employers like the test because it can detect drugs up to three months after use; urine tests go back only a few days and can be easily altered.

But studies have found dark-haired people are more likely to test positive for drugs because they have higher levels of melanin, which allows drug compounds to bind more easily to their hair.

The Boston lawsuit says the officers may have had some kind of environmental exposure to cocaine, but that they didn't use the drug themselves. The former officers are seeking reinstatement to their jobs, back pay, and unspecified damages.

Six of the seven former officers had a second hair test conducted that came back negative within days of the positive result. Harris had another hair test, a urine test and a blood test. All were analyzed by a different laboratory and all came back negative.

"It was humiliating," he said. "People who I once considered friends or comrades in arms treated me differently. They looked at me differently."

Police Commissioner Kathleen O'Toole said the department believes the hair testing policy is sound.

"Our department's lawyers have certainly studied this and are prepared to go forward and defend the existing policy," O'Toole said. "To date, nobody has presented anything that's caused us to believe that we should abandon our current policy."

Boston police began testing hair in 1999, replacing urine tests. Their testing company, Psychemedics Corp., is the largest provider of hair testing for drug use, with clients including Fortune 500 companies and police departments in Chicago and Los Angeles.

William Thistle, Psychemedic's senior vice president and general counsel, said the company's tests are well-supported and approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Each hair sample is thoroughly washed and soaked for an

extensive period of time to remove any contaminants. If an initial test comes back positive, the sample is tested again, Thistle said.

"The fact is that the test is extremely reliable," he said.

But critics say it's far from perfect. Police are especially vulnerable because they can be exposed to drug residue on the job, they say.

Fort Wayne, Ind., narcotics detective Timothy Bobay tested positive for cocaine after a hair sample was taken from his forearm during a random screening last year.

The police chief moved to fire him, but Bobay vehemently denied using cocaine. He argued the positive test came from exposure to cocaine dust on the job three weeks earlier.

Bobay, who is white and has dark hair, had a hair sample taken from his head tested by a different laboratory and he also had a urine test. Both came back negative.

The petition to fire him was withdrawn after Psychemedics said it was unable to rule out environmental exposure to cocaine as the reason for his positive test, said Bobay's lawyer, Patrick Arata.

Under the substance abuse policy in Boston, officers who test positive for drug use are either fired or suspended for 45 days without pay and required to undergo rehab. Six of the seven police officers refused to sign rehabilitation agreements. The seventh officer signed the agreement so he could keep his job, but was later fired after testing positive in another hair test.

"I knew I had never used drugs a day in my life."

**Shawn Noel Harris
Boston police officer**

Sheehan returns to Texas headquarters

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — A woman whose son was killed in Iraq returned to Texas on Wednesday to resume her anti-war protest near President Bush's ranch after a weeklong absence to care for her ailing mother.

About a dozen protesters who have continued the peace vigil picked up Cindy Sheehan at the Waco airport Wednesday afternoon, six days after she flew to Los Angeles when her 74-year-old mother suffered a stroke.

"This is where I belong, until Aug. 31, like I told the president," Sheehan said at the airport before driving about 20 miles to the Crawford site.

When Sheehan arrived at the campsite, she saw a large banner depicting her son's face. She sobbed and said she felt ill. Supporters brought her water and cold towels, and she recovered about 20 minutes later.

Sheehan said her mother tried to say "I love you" and had started physical therapy for paralysis on her right side.

"Even when I was in California, half of me is always here," she told The Associated Press late Wednesday. "I felt like since I started it, I should be here."

Sheehan began her vigil Aug. 6 on the road leading to Bush's ranch, vowing to stay through his monthlong vacation unless he met with her. Her 24-year-old son, Army Spc. Casey Sheehan, was

killed last year in Iraq.

Sheehan's protest has encouraged anti-war activists to join her and prompted peace vigils nationwide. She also continues to draw harsh criticism.

Conservative activists and military families were en route to Crawford from California on a tour called "You don't speak for me, Cindy!" The caravan coordinated by Move America Forward plans to hold a pro-Bush rally in town Saturday.

Among those defending Sheehan are former U.S. ambassador Joseph Wilson, who believes that his wife's identity as an undercover CIA operative was leaked in retaliation for his criticism of the Bush administration in a 2002 New York Times op-ed piece.

"The Bush White House and its right-wing allies are responding to Cindy Sheehan and the military families' vigil in central Texas in the same way that they always respond to bad news — by unleashing personal attacks and smears against her," Wilson said in a statement released Wednesday.

Later Wednesday, Bush was to return to Texas after a three-day trip to Idaho, where he met with some military families and gave speeches to rally support for the war. He said Tuesday that he recognizes Sheehan's right to protest and understands her anguish, although she does not represent the views of many families he has met with.

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Confession of a sports nonfan

A new academic year brings new classes, new roommates and new challenges (a category that sometimes includes the new roommates), but for many it is the new football season that really has them excited. With the arrival of a new head coach who has promised to put the fight back into the Fighting Irish, to say that the atmosphere of anticipation here is intense would be an understatement.

So why don't I care?

Well, it's not why you might think. It's true that, being English, I wasn't exposed to American football during my formative years. Like most of my compatriots I grew up in a family fanatically devoted to what we Brits (along with almost everyone else in the world) call football, which is to say, soccer. But for some reason it didn't take and I am currently one of the few British men with no interest in soccer whatsoever. The others are called Richard and Charles. We sometimes meet up, although it turns out that shared non-interests aren't a very firm basis for friendship.

It's not that I don't enjoy playing sports. In high school I played rugby and cricket. Rugby is actually quite similar to American football, except that you can't pass forward and you don't get to wear body armor. When I left for college, everyone — well it seemed like everyone — told me it would be a time of self-discovery. I joined the rowing club as the coxswain for the women's boat, and one of the things I found out about myself while at college is that shouting orders at eight athletic women in Lycra is one of

the very few things I am willing to get out of bed at 6 a.m. in order to do. My rowing career lasted for a very enjoyable year before I eventually quit, having come to the conclusion that this was catering to an aspect of my character that it was best not to encourage.

The point is that I can enjoy sports as a participant, but I've never been able to get anything out of them as a spectator. In his Meditations, the Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius recalls how he was taught not to take the side of the green or the blue party at the Circus games, nor to favor the heavily or lightly-armored gladiators in the arena. As a Stoic, he was supposed to avoid investing care in things outside of his own control; by not favoring one side over another he could greet any result with equanimity.

In a sports stadium the equanimity that Marcus Aurelius cultivated through self-discipline comes naturally to me (although in my case the Stoic temperament doesn't seem to have carried over into other areas of my life, as my language anytime I stub my toe will testify). The problem is that it takes the fun out of watching sports if you are not invested in the outcome of the game. That, of course, is the reason why we support a particular team and place bets. It's also the reason for the various traditions of the stadium — the cheering, the chanting, the rattling of keys — all are ways of turning spectators into participants. For whatever reason I seem to be immune to the effect.

I sometimes hear complaints from professors about the importance attached to football at the University. I can certainly see where they are coming from. When I first arrived here I often got asked what it was like being at a religious university and it was some time before I figured out that the religion being referred to was Catholicism.

Having said that, the professors are

not exactly disinterested parties, and you (by "you" here I mean "I") cannot help wondering if their complaint is not motivated at least in part by the thought that the undergraduates here might be more awed by their professors' brains if only they were less fixated on the diameter of Brady Quinn's arms.

There are plenty of reasons to celebrate Notre Dame football even for those of us who find that we cannot appreciate it. It unquestionably helps to foster the spirit of community on campus, and also contributes to the especially close bond between the University and its alumni.

Personally, I admire athletes, and not only because most of them could pick me up by the head with one hand. What I find most impressive is their dedication, their willingness to push themselves day after day after day to run faster and throw better than they — perhaps than anyone — has ever done before.

The ancient Greeks dated their history from the first Olympic Games and stopped wars in order to compete. I think it's not coincidence that, of all the civilizations of the ancient world, they surpassed all others in their intellectual achievements as well. Physically and mentally, they strove to test the limits of human potential. On the sports field it is the physical prowess of the athlete that impresses us, but the habits that it took to acquire that prowess — the dedication, the discipline, the patience — are not just sporting virtues, they are scholarly ones too.

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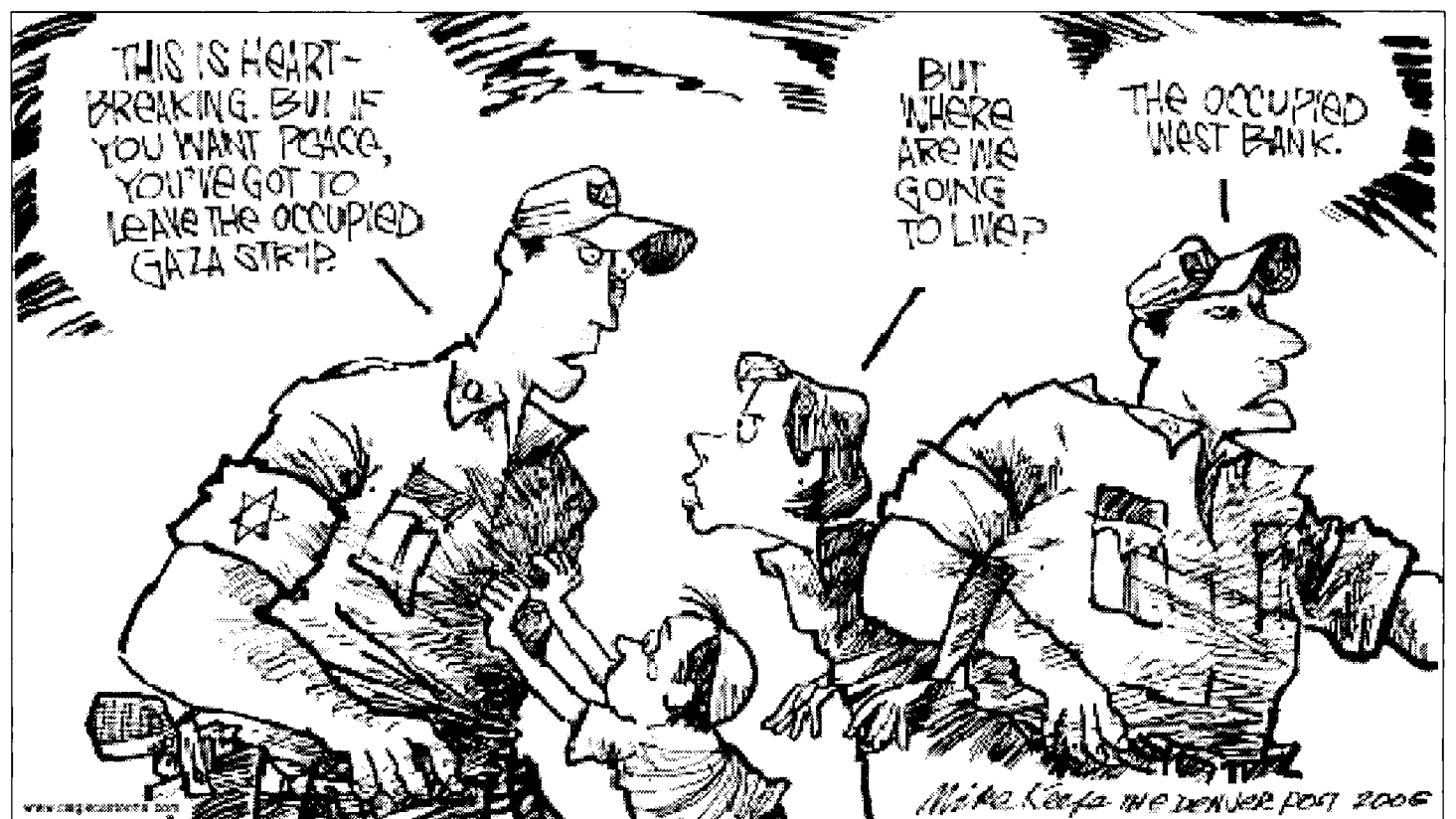
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"When I was young, I observed that 9 out of 10 things I did were failures. So I did 10 times more work."

George Bernard Shaw
playwright

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beyond Frosh-O

Freshmen, with your weekend of initiation into Notre Dame life in the past, it is now time to Dis-O both mind and body (illusionary dichotomy? I don't know, ask your Philosophy 101 professor). I understand the strategy and purpose behind Frosh-O, and it's all well and good to try and make freshmen comfortable by helping them meet new people on campus. But, freshmen, take this advice for what it's worth: do not let Frosh-O limit the potential of your life at Notre Dame. Let's outline the hazardous limits of Frosh-O.

1. The dorm shirts. Dorm pride has its place, but the dorm should not structure the entirety of your life here. The vast majority of students at Notre Dame are friends with very few members of their own sex who do not live in their dorm. This trend takes root during Frosh-O when the dorm upperclassmen instill an extreme dorm loyalty. The extremity of this trend is encapsulated in the T-shirts that members of the same dorm must wear for the entire weekend as a marker of their new identity. Think about this, and you'll realize that it's a bit ridiculous.

2. Social gatherings. Maybe you did not catch it during the weekend because you were just so pumped to see so many members of the opposite sex, but, yes, it's true, the social gatherings were exclusively coordinated between men's and women's dorms. Of course this falls in line with the dorm pride/rivalry concept so prevalent on campus, but it possesses such a downside. I mean, it sounds crazy, maybe, but dudes from one dorm may enjoy the company of dudes from another dorm. Oh, yeah, and guess why they set you up with opposite-sex dorms? So that you (insert "guy") can get digits and start off your time at

Notre Dame right by viewing the opposite sex (insert "women") as physical objects. Duh.

3. Conversation starters. What's your major? What is your quest? What is your favorite color? Seriously, though, I know you have to start somewhere, but half of you will probably get weeded out of freshmen chemistry, curse the banality of the method of instruction and learning in the science department, open your minds and become Classics majors. OK, that would happen in a perfect world. But, honestly, don't ask the friends you make this year what their majors are until sophomore year at the earliest. The major is nothing on which to base a relationship. One more thing. If ever faced with the choice of reading your General Chemistry textbook or Dostoevsky, for the love of God show Dostoevsky some respect.

4. Drinking alcohol. OK, I'm finally going to touch upon the big 'un. Your RA's are too brainwashed by now after their week of pre-Frosh-O training to tell you what's truly up. And the Frosh-O staff was probably on weekend lockdown at the behest of their rectors to not talk about the drinking that goes on under the Dome. But just so you know, if the dorms get a little too tight or a little too sweaty there's an inviting, well-fabled, well-stocked little place called Turtle Creek across the road from the soccer stadium. There's a nice little road that runs past the tennis courts that happens to not be paved with gold but should be. So mosey on over. I'll be there waiting to greet you.

Thomas Witherspoon
 senior
 off-campus
 August 24

Clarifying libertarianism

The Viewpoint column on libertarianism ("Neither left nor right," Aug. 24) is excellent, and I will be following it throughout the year.

However, the non-aggression principle unnecessarily excludes too many people as libertarian. The boundaries of what makes for a libertarian are softer than the column implies. There is no necessary requirement that we view all initiation of aggression as morally wrong, or as something the state has no abstract right to engage in order to consider ourselves libertarians. We might agree that everyone should get a pumpkin carver, but worry that no institution can make it work. Or we might think that giving any institution the power to give us pumpkin carvers will also lead to that

institution doing all kinds of other things that we definitely don't want, and don't want more than we want the distribution of pumpkin carvers.

In short, we may agree with the justness of initiating aggression in some cases, but believe that there are too many practical things standing in the way of doing this aggressing just right. What makes for a libertarian is believing that the state should keep its hands to itself on both economic and civil issues. Whether or not us libertarians believe that we can never initiate aggression is interesting, but it is not a requirement.

Peter Jaworski
 Professor, Bowling Green State University
 August 24

U-WIRE

Rank distraction

In response to the U.S. News & World Report's college rankings monopoly. The Washington Monthly responded with their own definition of "best" college.

Editors of the political monthly apply President John F. Kennedy's "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country" maxim to college life.

Michael Behr

University of Virginia
 Cavalier Daily

U.S. News rankings focus on academic excellence and reputation, whereas The Washington Monthly praises "productive" institutions which benefit society. Although academic quality is crucial to choosing the right college, more emphasis should be placed on the latter criterion. With financial resources, research capabilities and educational opportunities, colleges can improve society, not just struggle for elite reputations.

The Washington Monthly used three criteria for undergraduate institutions: "engines of social mobility, they should produce the academic minds and scientific research that advance knowledge and drive economic growth, and they should inculcate and encourage an ethic of service."

The Washington Monthly rewards universities that produce knowledgeable students who want to serve their country, help the less fortunate, find medical cures, etc. This is more desirable than the business student who strives to run international investment firms which may exploit Third World sweatshop workers and take advantage of the poor.

So will students run to The Washington Monthly for college advice? Probably not. Students and parents want

to invest their money at the best institution, which is normally defined as being the best academically and having the strongest reputation. Therefore, colleges have an institutional responsibility to downplay the U.S. News academic criteria and look to improve society. To maintain academic excellence and to improve society for generations to come are admirable, equally important goals — yet the latter often succumbs to the former on priority lists.

To restrict the goals of undergraduate institutions to the education of its students is unproductive in larger social contexts. Community service, medical research, national service and poverty relief are easily integrated into academic programs at universities like MIT, UCLA and Berkeley (the top three schools on The Washington Monthly's list). The editors are not suggesting a "Peace Corps" education — but students should be mindful of the problems surrounding their institution and how to best use these resources to solve societal inadequacies.

It is a massive waste of money and time to ignore societal responsibilities. Colleges have the funding and resources in place to bring about change to the society we live in. U.S. News and other ranking lists allow society to forget these responsibilities and focus on academic reputation. Yet in order to assure our wellbeing in the future, we need to reward beneficial and socially productive institutions.

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Sensational coverage keeps us from real news stories

Ever heard of Natalee Holloway? Of course you have. Greta Van Susteren from Fox News and Nancy Grace from CNN News have made it their apparent personal missions to find Natalee Holloway and to use their broadcasting abilities to bring her killers or abductors to justice. We haven't seen this kind of a dogged chase after the perpetrators of a crime since 9/11. Oh, wait.

Why does the Natalee Holloway case get so much attention while other, more important stories drift away? Well, there are two groups to blame. The first group is the journalists who will cover whatever story will get them the most ratings and the second group is all of us. We need to do our part to turn away from the car crash and try to ignore it.

This kind of sensational news reporting leads to a collective tunnel vision in our society where the story that has the best ratings gets the best coverage, regardless of the importance or validity of the story.

When was the last time you read or saw a great piece on anything going on that wasn't in America or Iraq? There is plenty of world news out there to cover that never reaches American homes because it simply isn't "sexy" enough for us, no matter how pressing the news might be. If it lacks the kind of human drama that Americans crave in their news, the cable news shows won't air it.

Now, African debt relief may not be as compelling television as a drama like

the Holloway case, but we feel we can do better. If the advertising executives at companies like Coca-Cola can make a sugar-based beverage "sexy" or desirable, then CNN should be able to do more to make the world news more compelling and relevant to American audiences.

Bob Costas has recently entered our good graces because, unlike Van Susteren and other cable news hosts, he refused to host a show for CNN in place of Larry King that would have primarily covered the Natalee Holloway case. Costas missed out on a show that included 10 guests — seven of them talked about the missing girl and the other three talked about the BTK killer. Costas said in a statement about the decision not to host, "I didn't think the subject matter of Thursday's show was the kind of broadcast I should be doing."

If by "kind of broadcast," he means the kind of broadcast that offers us punishingly redundant speculation on the Holloway case by overpaid "experts," then we couldn't agree more with him. Costas may not have explicitly stated why he was uncomfortable with the show's subject matter, but we are all grateful that at least one broadcaster has the sense to know which news stories really matter to the nation.

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Reign of the King

Shakespeare's popular masterpiece 'Henry V' enjoys

By KATE PETELLE
Scene Writer

This weekend marks the final performances of "Henry V" by Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame. The show, produced by Notre Dame's Paul Rathburn and directed by William Brown, a well-known Chicago theatre director, showcases the talents of both professional and student actors. It began its run Aug. 9 and will conclude with a matinee performance this Sunday.

"Henry V" is Shakespeare's retelling of the historical events surrounding the Battle of Agincourt during the Hundred Years War between England and France. The play follows the actions of the young King Henry V of England as he strives to prove himself, persuading his country of the merits of the war, leading his soldiers to battle, demonstrating his abilities as a military leader and as a King, and becoming a national hero.

As the audience watches the portrayal of a young prince growing into a king, the many facets of the play are revealed. Though the play is in many ways a celebration of the English nation and the achievements of one of the country's great heroes, its relevance to today's audience lies largely in its complex take on war, revealing both its glory and its savagery.

"Henry V" is full of the grand rhetoric of war and nationhood, but Shakespeare is also careful to show the sometimes-selfish motives behind the actions of war, the questionable morality behind the invasions of other countries and the sorrow that accompanies the glory of battle. The play is not exclusively pro- or anti- war, but rather both at once, making it interesting and relevant to audiences in 2005.

Putting on a production of a history play is "much more complex" than the romances and comedies that Summer Shakespeare has produced in the past, Rathburn said (past shows include "Romeo and Juliet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Tempest," "Much Ado About Nothing" and "The Taming of the Shrew"). "Henry V" is alternately serious, humorous and sad, and there is even a wonderful love scene at the end.

"Henry V" marks the sixth season of Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame. But the roots of the project extend much further back. In 1983, Rathburn began teaching a Shakespeare course for Notre Dame's London program which emphasized the importance of Shakespeare in performance as well as in text. The class saw a production of every play they read, and actors were invited to speak to the class about the experience of performing Shakespeare.

Back at Notre Dame, Rathburn began a course called "Shakespeare in Performance," in which students put on four plays each semester. He began taking students to Chicago and Ontario to see Shakespearean productions and did a Shakespeare film series on campus.

In 2000, Rathburn founded Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame, with the goal of producing high-quality, professional productions. Summer Shakespeare has become a staple at Notre Dame and in the larger South Bend community.

Summer Shakespeare brings in professional actors for the major roles but incorporates Notre Dame students in supporting roles. Both students and professionals are handpicked. Over two hundred professional actors

Henry V

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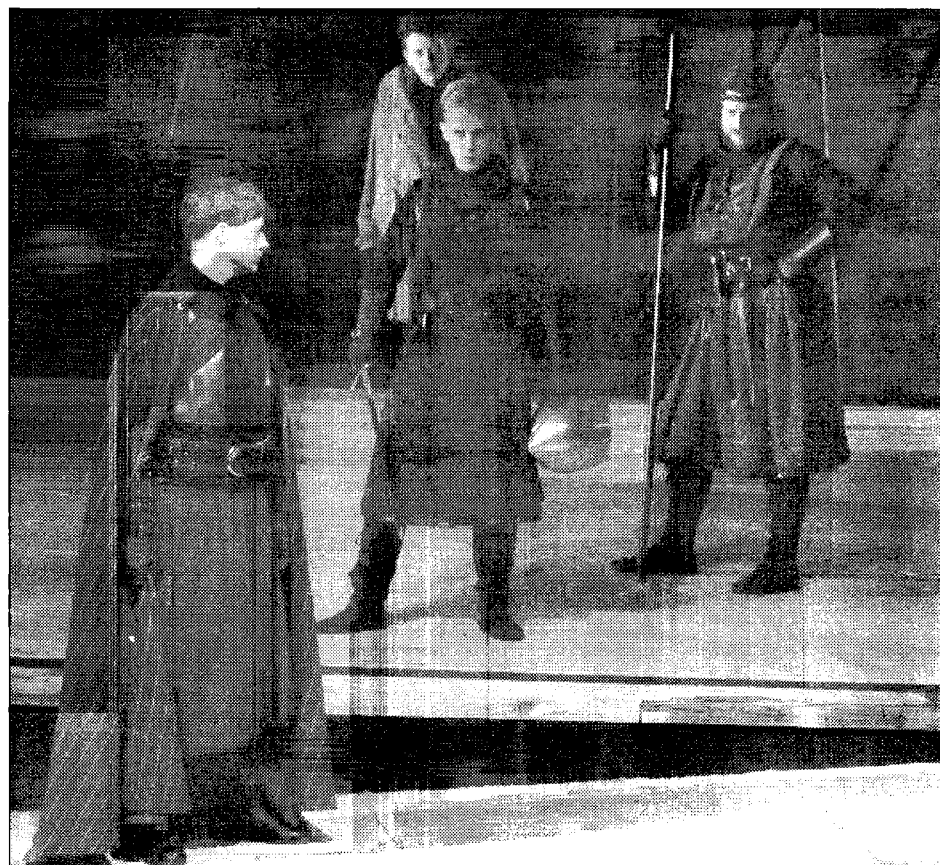


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Matt Schwader, left, plays King Henry V. Schwader is returning for his second season with Summer Shakespeare at Notre Dame.

expressed an interest in this year's show, and many students from a variety of majors and backgrounds attended the open auditions. In the end, this year's show employed nine professional and ten student actors.

Students who participate in the program have their summer housing provided and are given a stipend for living expenses. More importantly, the experience of working for four solid weeks, six days a week, with fully professional actors and designers in a high-quality production of Shakespeare is a wonderful experience for the students.

As for the professional actors? "They love coming here," Rathburn said. "They love the atmosphere. We've never had an actor who didn't want to come back."

This summer's show is remarkable for a number of reasons, not the least of which is that this is the first full Shakespearean performance in the new DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, and it takes full advantage of the stage and the possibilities that the new theatre holds.

The lighting, stage and costumes are "brilliant," and all original music was composed

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**Paul Rathburn
producer**

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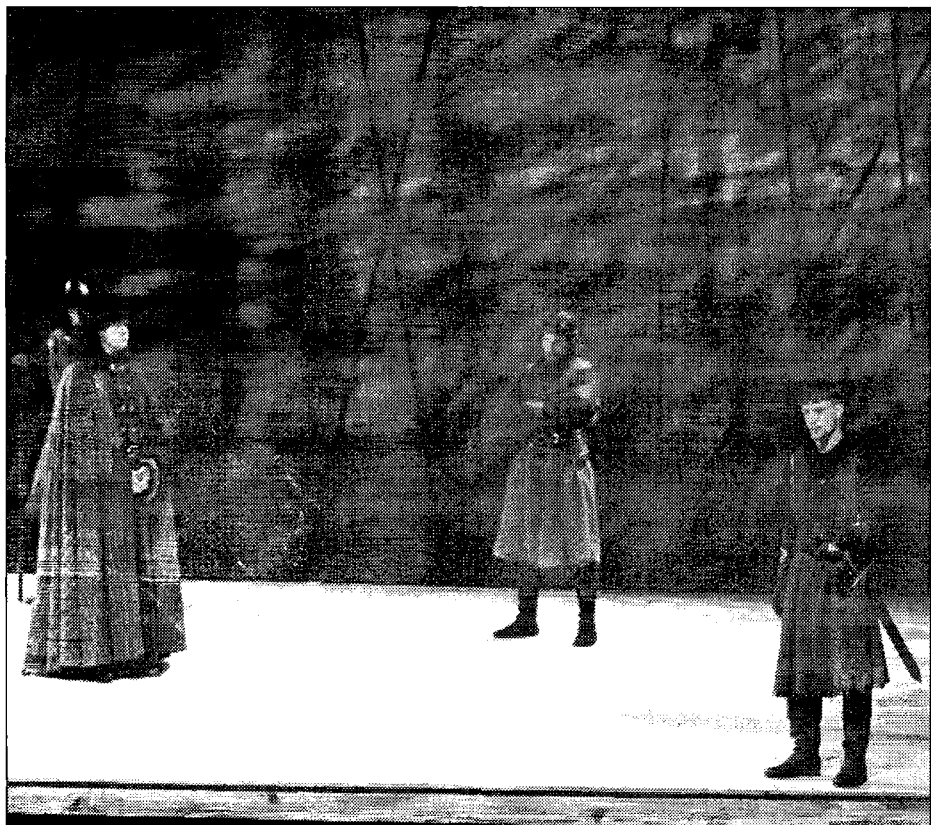


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"Henry V" is the first full-length Shakespearean production to be performed in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.



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Notre Dame students take part in the performance in key supporting roles on stage, as well as assisting in directing and producing the play.



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Photo courtesy of Patrick Ryan

William Shakespeare's saga of kingship and war, is approaching its one month duration as a Summer Shakespeare event.

for this show. "Henry V" is a very fitting choice for the pearean play performed in theatre; in 1599, Shakespeare's newly-constructed Globe theatre opened with the first performance of "Henry V."

The play opens with a direct reference to the new theatre and to the need for imagination in creating scenes of battle on the stage: "Can this cockpit hold the vasty fields of France? Or may we cram within this wooden O the very casques that did affright Agincourt?... Piece out our

imperfections with your thoughts ... Think, when we talk of horses, that you see them."

Moreover, this season is significant as it is Rathburn's last with Summer Shakespeare. Though he will remain on the advisory board for the program and may lecture at Notre Dame from time to time, Rathburn will introduce a Summer Shakespeare performance as its producer for the final time this Sunday.

But the institution he founded six years ago will remain and continue to grow.

"It's my legacy, my gift to Notre Dame. We say that we want to be known for more than football. How about Shakespeare?" Rathburn said.

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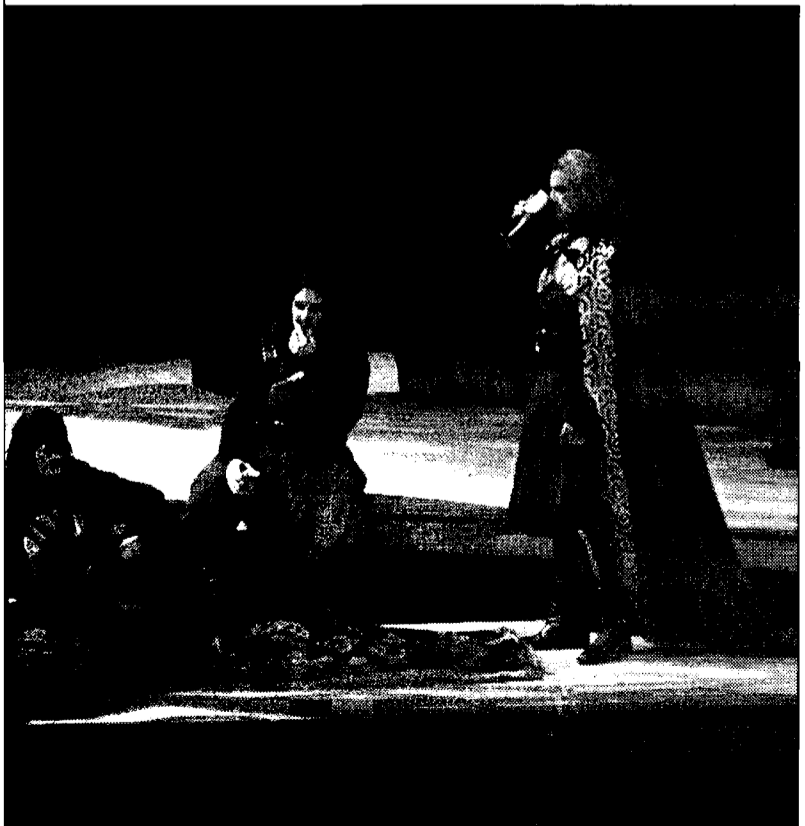


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CONCERT REVIEW

Hope shines

Talented young pop star gets chance to shine with Jesse McCartney at local venue

By JILLIAN PIETRZAK and MELISA ZIMMERMAN
Scene Writers

A small town girl and an up-and-coming pop artist, Hope Partlow got a chance to shine as the opener for headlining act Jesse McCartney.

Teaming up with the teen pop star in a concert at the Morris Civic Auditorium, Tennessee native Partlow gave an energetic performance. The 17-year-old's vocals, reminiscent of Janis Joplin's tone, deliver powerful messages through songs like "Who We Are," Partlow's first single. But don't let her rebel attitude fool you. Growing up in rural Tennessee, along with her gospel and country roots, has added a unique flare to her music.

The singer enjoys being on tour with McCartney, saying it's "crazy" to be paired with such a big name in pop music. Although she is still new at touring, she loves how the fans are "cool and devoted" and enjoys signing autographs for them after her show.

Her first album, entitled "Who We Are," is set to arrive in stores on Sept. 6. The album is produced by Grammy-winning producer Matt Serletic, said Partlow's representative Samantha Bowman. Serletic, Virgin Records chairman and CEO, has also produced big name artists such as Matchbox 20 and Rob Thomas. Her future goals include building a fan base and getting the word out about her album. Partlow also wishes for a good response to her album and the opportunity to create another one.

Although the tour has gone well, Partlow was originally worried about how the female McCartney fans would respond to her performance. She was afraid that they would view her as competition. Partlow was not joking when she classified the concert as a "scream fest." The



Photo courtesy of hopepartlow.com

Hope Partlow, a rising pop music talent, is currently touring to promote her soon-to-be-released album, "Who We Are."

women outnumbered the male audience members at the concert. Fortunately, the female fans at the concert reacted warmly, especially when she dedicated a song to them, which she called her "anthem to Jesse." Many fans cheered and applauded her as well as waited in a long line to receive her autograph.

The showstopper of the night was McCartney. As soon as the house lights dimmed and the

thousands of girls began screaming, the 18-year-old singer filled his set with pop tunes and strong ballads, including a sere-

The Beautiful Soul Tour

Artists: Jesse McCartney with special guest Hope Partlow
Date: Tuesday, Aug. 23
Venue: Morris Performing Arts Center

nade of his song "Take Your Sweet Time" to one lucky fan. His smash hits "Beautiful Soul" and "She's No You" from his multi-platinum album, also entitled "Beautiful Soul," were definite highlights of the show.

During the concert, signs and what seemed to be a large flag were hoisted up in the crowd reading "I Love Jesse" and "Pick Me," all paying homage to the former soap star. It was evident

that McCartney had won the hearts of the locals from South Bend and those from out of town through audience participation and high-energy choreography.

Even though the overall performances were successful, the technical aspects of the show were a bit lacking. The set did not seem to be a good match with the show. Unlike the concert itself, the set was plain and boring. Sound became an issue as well. At times, there was feedback from the microphones and the singers were hard to hear. The thousands of screaming girls did not help the situation either.

But by the end of the night, the concert was a success. McCartney and Partlow merchandise flew off of the shelves and autographs could not be signed fast enough for the massive crowds. Both Partlow and McCartney had clean lyrics, upbeat and energetic performances, and good audience involvement. The concert was well-attended and full of family fun.

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Pop musician, actor and teen heartthrob Jesse McCartney is in the midst of a nationwide tour titled "The Beautiful Soul Tour," promoting his first solo album.

MLB

Buerhle's strong outing lifts ChiSox over Twins

Texas routs Seattle, Jays outlast Yankees, Brewers top Marlins

Associated Press

After squandering a sparkling performance by Freddy Garcia the night before, the Chicago White Sox weren't about to waste a fine outing by Mark Buehrle.

Buehrle scattered six hits over eight innings, Carl Everett homered and drove in four runs and the White Sox beat Minnesota 6-4 on Wednesday to snap a four-game losing streak to the Twins.

Benefiting from four double plays, Buehrle (14-6) gave up one run and struck out six without allowing a walk to end a personal five-game losing streak against Minnesota — which beat Garcia 1-0 on one hit on Tuesday.

"That was vintage Mark — strikes, groundballs, double plays. He didn't walk a batter," said former Twins catcher A.J. Pierzynski, who had three hits. "That's why he's one of the best there is. When he's on, he can beat anybody."

Everett had three hits, the first five batters in the lineup went 11-for-22 and Chicago won for only the second time in 10 games.

Matthew LeCroy homered and drove in two runs for Minnesota, which watched starter Joe Mays (6-9) struggle again and threaten his place in the rotation.

"We won, and that's all that matters," said Buehrle, who faced the minimum through five innings. "It was nice to get my confidence back up."

Once Buehrle left, the Twins staged a serious rally — getting a two-run homer from Nick Punto off Cliff Politte to pull within 6-3 in the ninth. Joe Mauer greeted Damaso Marte with a single, and Dustin Hermanson gave up an RBI double to LeCroy before getting the last two outs for his 31st save.

"We've been reading stories about us choking all year," Hermanson said. "It's nothing new. I just hope the guys aren't reading the paper."

Rangers 8, Mariners 1

For the second straight game, the Texas Rangers got a quality outing from a young starter. This time, it was rookie Juan Dominguez's turn.

Dominguez pitched two-hit ball over six innings for his second career victory, and Kevin Mench homered to lead the Rangers past the Seattle Mariners Wednesday night.

Dominguez (1-3) allowed one

run and five walks while striking out three in his 10th major league start.

"Everything was working fine," Dominguez said through an interpreter. "I was able to make good adjustments throughout the game."

Texas starters have struggled over the last two months with a 6.64 ERA in a 58-game span heading into Wednesday night.

However, Dominguez's sharp effort came one day after Chris Young gave up one run and four hits in five innings of a 6-4 victory over Seattle.

"It's definitely a boost for us," said Rangers catcher Rod Barajas, who went 2-for-4 with two RBIs. "I want to help these young guys, get them through as many innings as possible. It was good to see (Dominguez) throw strikes and get outs."

Dominguez, 1-1 with a 3.93 ERA in three starts since being recalled from the minors on Aug. 13, threw his fastball for strikes and used a change-up to keep the Mariners guessing.

"He kept us off-balance with the changeup," Seattle slugger Richie Sexson said.

Blue Jays 9, Yankees 5

Vernon Wells had one thing on his mind in the fifth inning.

"I don't want to make an out," Wells said. "Everyone else is doing something."

Wells had nothing to worry about. He got to join in the fun, too.

Wells hit a three-run homer off Mike Mussina in a nine-run fifth, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees on Wednesday night to snap a five-game losing streak.

Russ Adams added a two-run double in the inning, when the Blue Jays scored eight times off Mussina in their biggest inning since a their biggest inning since a nine-run sixth against the Angels on June 15, 1999, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

They had seven hits off Mussina and Felix Rodriguez, and 10 consecutive batters reached with one out.

"We had some good at-bats," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "We were way overdo anyway."

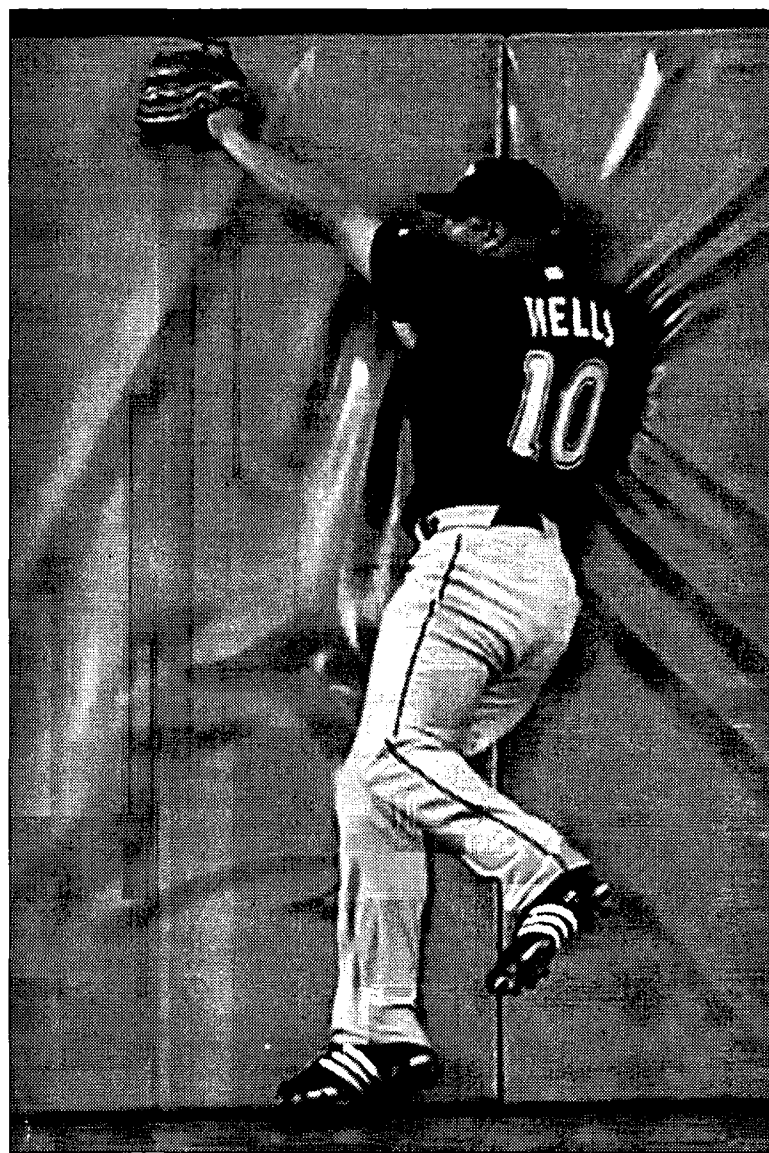
Mussina (12-8) hurt himself by allowing two walks and hitting a batter.

He allowed eight runs in an inning for the first time since Sept. 24, 2003, against the Chicago White Sox, according to Elias.

Dave Bush (3-7) allowed five hits in six scoreless innings to win for the first time since Aug. 3.

He beat the Yankees for the first time since pitching a career-best two-hitter against them in a 7-0 victory in Toronto on Oct. 1.

"He always pitches very good when he's facing these guys, which is tough to do," Gibbons



Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Vernon Wells crashes into the wall going for a fly ball during Wednesday's game against the New York Yankees. The Blue Jays won 9-5.



Texas Rangers pitcher Juan Dominguez delivers during Wednesday's game against the Seattle Mariners. Dominguez allowed two hits over six innings in an 8-1 Rangers victory.

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FC Dallas ruins Adu's return to D.C. United

DC falls 2-1 in U.S. Open Cup quarters

Associated Press

GERMANTOWN, Md — FC Dallas spoiled Freddy Adu's return to the lineup by defeating D.C. United 2-1 Wednesday night in a U.S. Open Cup quarterfinal match.

After playing to a 1-1 tie through regulation and overtime, Dallas won the match by defeating United 4-1 on penalty kicks.

The contest was a rematch of the 1997 U.S. Open Cup final, a match FC Dallas — then known as the Dallas Burn — won 3-2 on penalty kicks.

FC Dallas advances to the semifinals and will host the Chicago Fire Sept. 14.

Christian Gomez gave United the early advantage, taking a feed from Dema Kovalenko and beating goalkeeper Scott Garlick just over a minute into the second half. The goal was Gomez's third in two U.S. Open Cup games,

placing him fifth all-time in goals scored in the event.

The advantage looked as if it would hold up, but United was forced to play a man down after Kovalenko was ejected in the 72nd minute after receiving his second yellow card. With seconds remaining before the end of regulation, Dallas capitalized on United's misfortune, tying the match when Carlos Ruiz beat defender Bobby Boswell, angling his way into the box before slipping a shot past United goalkeeper Troy Perkins from 25 yards out.

Adu made his return to United's lineup in the 65th minute and made his presence felt immediately with a run on goal late in the match. But Brian Carroll missed a point-blank shot that would have sealed the game, shooting wide right off a feed from Adu.

It was Adu's first action since injuring his knee injury in a 3-2 win over Chicago on Aug. 6. United was without the services of leading scorer Jaime Moreno.

TENNIS - PILOT PEN TOURNAMENT

Mauresmo clears first wave

No. 2 women's seed wins 1st round match

Associated Press

A rested Amelie Mauresmo breezed through her first match at the Pilot Pen tennis tournament, making a strong start to her final tuneup before the U.S. Open by beating Elena Likhovtseva on Wednesday night.

No. 2 seed Mauresmo won 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the quarterfinals. She and No. 1 seed Lindsay Davenport would meet in the final if each wins her next two matches.

Mauresmo is playing her second tournament since taking five weeks off — doing some surfing but not playing tennis for the first two weeks. In her first event after the layoff, she reached the semifinals in Toronto, losing last Friday.

On Wednesday, she led the second set 4-0 before Likhovtseva held service. The Russian missed a good chance to get back in the match in the sixth game, which reached deuce five times. But Mauresmo, ranked third in the world, won the final point when Likhovtseva hit a forehand wide from the baseline.

Likhovtseva also rallied from two match points to send the last game to deuce. Then she hit two backhands wide and Mauresmo advanced.

The top-seeded player in the men's draw couldn't avoid an upset as Juan Ignacio Chela overcame a big deficit in the tiebreaker and beat Nikolay Davydenko 6-1, 7-6 (5) in the second round.

Chela was cruising through the match, winning the first set 6-1 and leading the second 3-0, before Davydenko rallied. He won the next four games, but Chela held service to tie the set at 4-4.

In the tiebreaker, Davydenko, ranked sixth in the world, surged to a 4-1 lead but lost the next five points, two when he hit backhands into the net. Chela, ranked 50th, then hit a forehand into the net. But Davydenko ended a long rally — and the match — when his crosscourt forehand sailed wide.

Davydenko's baseline style helps Chela, who is unbeaten in four matches against him.

That gives Chela "a lot of rhythm and that's the way [Chela] likes to play," the winner from Argentina said through an interpreter.

Davydenko increased the tension on his rackets for this tournament but, after falling far behind, switched back to one with less tension that gave him more control. Then, he started his comeback but broke a string late in the match and went back to one with greater tension.

"I don't know if it's me or the rackets" responsible for the loss, Davydenko said.

Most top players skipped the tournament, the first time men have participated in it, to get ready for the Open.

No. 2 seed Fernando Gonzalez advanced with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 win over Justin Gimelstob, but 10th-seeded Filippo Volandri, more suited to clay than the hard court at the Connecticut Tennis Center, was dominated by unseeded James Blake 6-1, 6-3.

Blake, who went to high school in nearby Fairfield, wasn't hurt by the quick turnaround after his second-round match Tuesday, winning both matches in straight sets.

He's confident going into the Open after his previous two tournaments in which he lost to Andy Roddick in the final in Washington and Roger Federer in a close first-round match last week in Cincinnati.

"Then you get to come, basically, home. It's a great feeling before the Open," Blake said.

He's scheduled to play his first match there against Greg Rusedski, who withdrew from the Pilot Pen.

No. 3 seed David Ferrer eliminated Tomas Zib 6-3, 6-3. Other seeded winners were No. 7 Nicolas Massu and No. 12 Vincent Spadea. No. 11 seed Jurgen Melzer lost.



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is a 2005 team co-captain. While the two are ready and willing to lead the Irish, Brewster realizes it's the entire group of five seniors that will have to carry the team.

"I'm fortunate because of the class of five seniors we have," Brewster said. "I think it gives us an advantage. It is special to have a lot of seniors out on the court. We've spent four years together, and we're going to have a really great team."

The seniors include setter Kelly Burrell, middle blocker/opposite Carolyn Cooper, outside hitter/middle blocker Lauren Kelbley, Brewster and libero/outside hitter Henican. In the off-season, Brewster and the seniors continued to improve their game.

"Lauren Kelbley, Carolyn Cooper ... we just always work on blocks together," Brewster said.

The Irish will take on eight 2004 NCAA tournament qualifiers and five pre-season Top 25 foes this fall. Though there is not much breathing room on the schedule, Brewster is excited to get the chance to compete against some powerhouses.

"It's a good opportunity to play a team in the top 25 or top 10, and fortunately, we get to play a couple of them this year," she said.

Brewster has started for the Irish since the first match of her

freshman season. She's a three-time all-Big East pick — honorable mention her freshman year and first-team her past two seasons.

As a sophomore, she finished first in Division I in individual blocking with an average of 1.78 per game and was named honorable mention American Volleyball Coaches' Association [AVCA] All-American. She upped her game a few notches last season, earning third-team All-American, becoming the first Irish volleyball player ever to receive the prestigious honor. At last year's Big East tournament, she was named Most Valuable Player.

Overall, she ranks in the top 10 in nine Notre Dame statistical categories including second in hitting percentage and blocking. And she needs only 167 blocks this season to become the Notre Dame career leader.

In addition to her play on the volleyball court, Brewster succeeds in the classroom. In each of her first three seasons with the Irish, she was named a Big East Academic All Star.

Despite all the awards and lofty expectations, the Big East's top player shuns pressure.

"I guess there's a lot of pressure and high expectations, but I can't really think about that," she said. "You just have to play. If you're on the court, you're not thinking, 'Oh, I have to block this ball ...' You're just playing the best that you can."

Brewster is so focused she doesn't really have time to think about pressure. Instead of get-

ting nervous and turning to music or other forms of relaxation before big matches, she studies. Instead of meditating or bouncing off locker room walls, she assesses the opposition.

"Not anything unusual," said Brewster — referring to her pre-game rituals. "I'll go over some of our ... blocking schemes and different things that I'll go over about the other team."

When asked about inspirational music she might use to fire herself up for a match, she laughed.

"No. I listen to 'Here Come the Irish'," she said. "I like that song a lot."

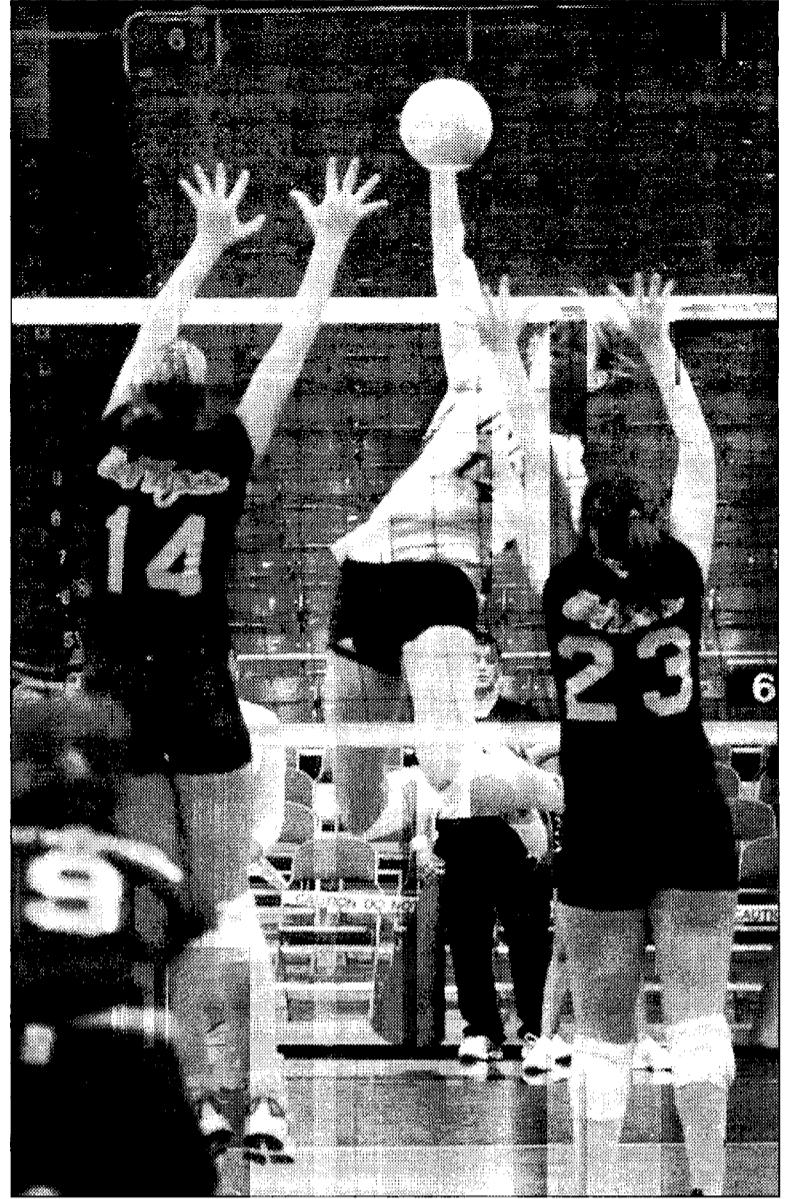
According to Brewster, the veteran Irish team is pushing for more than just a 14th straight NCAA tournament appearance. The goal is to make a deep run.

"I would really like to see our team get to at least the Sweet 16, or the Elite 8, that would be the ultimate goal for me personally and for our team," Brewster said.

So when the Irish are warming up before their first regular-season game this Saturday, when the ubiquitous "Here Come the Irish" song blares over the loudspeakers at the Joyce Center, Lauren Brewster — the All-American, the All Star student, the hard-working teammate — most likely won't be too nervous.

She'll be focused.

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Lauren Brewster spikes the ball past two defenders during Notre Dame's win over West Virginia Nov. 14, 2004.

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and worked really hard over the summer and to see that all culminate in a victory in the end really goes to show you that you put in the hard work and you can see results."

For Langenkamp, the win was a milestone.

"I played it the year before," he said. "It's really the pinnacle of the collegiate tournaments and a lot of guys play it, so I wanted to go there and get some good competition and play the top players from different schools."

Although Irish coach Bobby Bayliss was not involved in coaching Langenkamp for the event, he spoke with him briefly before the final match, which featured Lankegemp defeating Miami's Eric Hechtman 6-3, 6-1 on Aug. 16.

"I did talk to him about an hour before the finals," Bayliss said. "I called him on his cell phone and he happened to pick up right before they were going to play and gave him a scouting report on Eric Hechtman from Miami, but he did it all on his own."

In his coach's opinion, Langenkamp had a more well-rounded game than Hechtman.

"Hechtman's a tough out," Bayliss said. "He's got a big dominant forehand and he doesn't make many mistakes. But I felt like Eric has more

variety in his games and can mix things up better and could also slice him wide to the backhand to keep him from running around hitting forehands."

Langenkamp called the finals match the "ultimate highlight."

"Really, the finals was a great match," he said. "[Hechtman] played No. 2 for Miami, he's a well known guy who was great in the juniors and a great college player. To beat him the way I did was just really the ultimate highlight of the whole tournament."

En route to the title, Langenkamp also defeated top-seeded Paul Rose, Purdue's No. 1 player from last season who has been ranked at No. 56 in ITA standings. However, a more meaningful win may have been over Ryan Preston, who played in the bottom half of Vanderbilt's lineup last season.

"I actually lost to him earlier in the summer in the finals of the Ohio State college events," Langenkamp said. "I came back and I beat him straight sets and that was really ... I was really happy with that and it really boosted my confidence, beating a guy [I] just lost to."

Although the tournament does not affect his record as

a Notre Dame tennis player, Bayliss says the psychological benefits of the win have already been visible.

"I think it's already affecting his play," Bayliss said. "He's hitting a bigger ball, he's taking the ball earlier, he's attacking more. We worked out individually today for about an hour, he and I, and I see a difference in the balls he's hitting."

As the fall season begins with the tournament circuit and the spring season approaches, Langenkamp will be able to build on his experiences from the summer's tournament play.

"I think the confidence winning an event like that, particularly a national event, is going to vault him into another level of capabilities of the way he'll feel about himself on the court," Bayliss said. "He's going to play with more confidence and I don't think he's going to be afraid of anything."

Langenkamp said that the win affected him psychologically, both as an individual and team player.

"I'll still have the same attitude of working hard but I really made a statement at [the tournament] and I turned some heads I think," Langenkamp said. "[But] my attitude is, I'll just use this victory to bring momentum, not just to myself but to the team coming into the fall ... it's just a really positive thing to bring into the school year."

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Eric Langenkamp
tennis player

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German. Playko was able to work with international corporations such as BMW while overseas.

"I took German throughout high school and during my freshman year at Saint Mary's," Playko said. "My family has German roots. It was the best of both worlds for me."

Still, a part of Playko yearned for the competition of college volleyball. While she was able to work out and play at the university in Austria, the competition did not compare with that of the MIAA.

"The level [of competition] in college is so much higher," Playko said. "I had to spend the year working on basic fundamentals."

Coach Julie Schroeder-Biek and the rest of the Saint Mary's squad sorely missed Playko while struggling to a 6-19 record last season. Schroeder-Biek felt that Playko's absence could not be understated.

"Anytime you lose one of your own it's difficult," Schroeder-Biek said. "But Kristen is such a talent. Her positive attitude and communication skills on the court added a dynamic to that team [in 2003] that we missed last year."

Playko kept up with the team via e-mails and online scoring, but she could do little to help the struggles.

"I tried to keep up the best I could," Playko said. "The time difference made it diffi-

cult to keep track of the games live, but I e-mailed coach to tell her I was keeping up with the team and with my workouts."

Playko is expected to bring a greater focus and a sense of stability to a team that was in limbo much of last season. A mid-season injury forced Schroeder-Biek to leave the sideline and left the Belles in a constant state of flux.

The lack of a consistent starting line-up also hurt the team last year. Playko's presence this season is expected to provide the Belles with a solid foundation.

"This year we are looking to eliminate all those outside forces that distracted the team last year," Playko said. "I think we're a much more positive group than last year's team."

Can one player turn the Belles' fortunes this season? Schroeder-Biek is eager to find out.

"That's too much pressure to put on one player," Schroeder-Biek said. "The team is definitely more focused as a group, though, and Kristen is a huge part of that. She is able to motivate her teammates and keep them confident in each other."

"The girls have a close friend and teammate returning, and they are really looking forward to playing with her again. They're ready to get on the court and to start competing."

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"[Kristen] is able to motivate her teammates and keep them confident in each other."

Julie Schroeder-Biek
Belles coach

MLB

Former Met star fleeing police

Dwight Gooden has been evading capture since Monday night

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Police talked to relatives and acquaintances of Dwight Gooden for a third day Wednesday in their effort to find and arrest the former baseball star, who fled after being pulled over on suspicion of drunken driving.



Gooden AP

Authorities say the 41-year-old Gooden was visibly intoxicated when he was pulled over for driving erratically near downtown Tampa early Monday.

He twice refused to get out of the car for a field sobriety test,

drove away suddenly and hasn't been seen since, police said.

Officers have visited his two known residences in Tampa, made contact with family members, former drug counselors and every attorney who has represented him, and talked to his former employer, the New York Yankees, police spokeswoman Laura McElroy said.

Everyone was "extremely cooperative," she said, but no one has seen him.

Police don't even know if he's still in the Tampa area.

"It's a sad situation for someone who obviously has a serious problem and is adding to his own problems by his actions right now," McElroy said.

Gooden, who has a history of substance abuse and currently has a domestic violence charge pending in the court, is wanted on felony charges of DUI and fleeing police, and a misdemeanor charge of resisting

arrest without violence.

The 1984 Rookie of the Year and the 1985 NL Cy Young Award winner while with the New York Mets, Gooden went 194-112 with a 3.51 ERA before retiring in 2001. He also pitched for the Yankees, Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Gooden was arrested by Tampa police in 2002 on a drunken driving charge, but later pleaded guilty to reckless driving and received a year probation. He was charged with hitting his live-in girlfriend in March.

While playing with the Mets in 1994, Gooden was suspended 60 days for a positive cocaine test.

The drug came up again in a test during his suspension and he was sidelined for the 1995 season.

He recently worked for the Yankees as a special adviser but quit in April.

MLB

Schilling to start again for BoSox

Pitcher admits feeling uncomfortable in the bullpen this season

Associated Press

Curt Schilling will leave his jitters in the bullpen when he makes his first start since April 23.

The Boston right-hander, who has been filling in as the Red Sox closer since mid-July, said Wednesday that replacing Keith Foulke left him feeling "naked" every time he took the mound.

"A lot of my theories were not applicable as a closer," Schilling told Boston radio station WEEI, a day before his scheduled start against the Kansas City Royals. "In my mind, preparation-wise, I was kind of going out there naked. That was very uncomfortable for me."

Still, Schilling — who declined to speak to reporters before Wednesday night's game against the Royals — accomplished a good deal during the bullpen stint that started when he came off the disabled list in mid-July. He used the time to strengthen his surgically repaired right ankle, and performed well enough in relief to convert nine of his 11 save opportunities for the AL East

leaders.

"He helped us win," general manager Theo Epstein said. "That's the bottom line. He really did something selfless to help us win."

Also on Wednesday, an arbitrator heard left-hander David Wells' appeal of his six-game suspension for making contact with two umpires on July 2.

Wells denied those allegations once more after the hearing, although he said he would be willing to pay a fine for swearing — although he denied saying anything out loud.

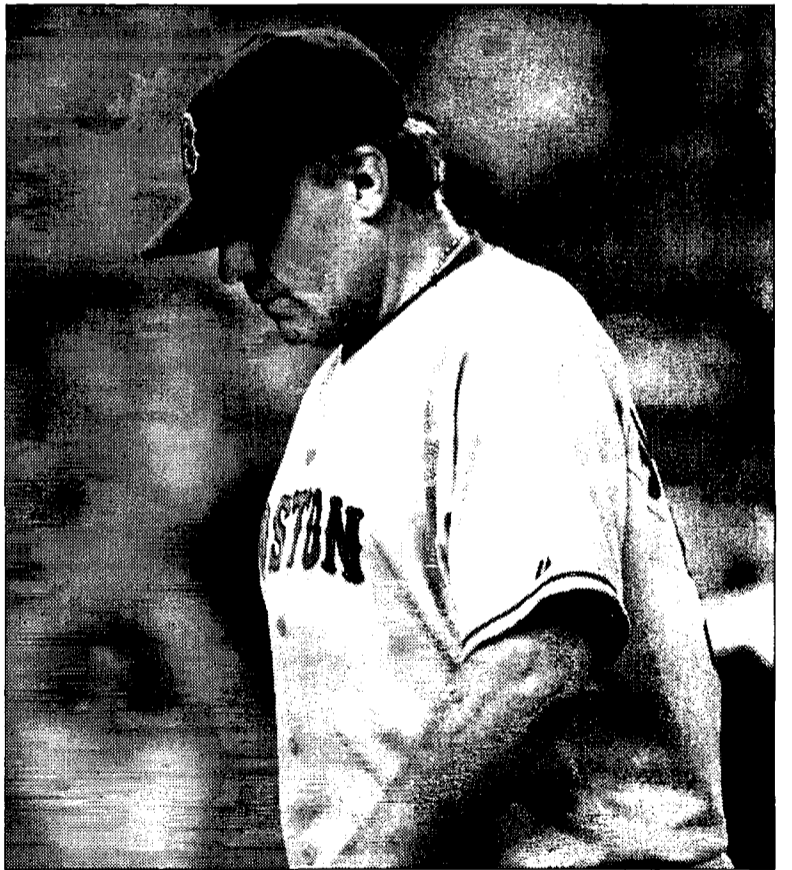
"I gave them a tape," he said. "The tape completely shows there was no spitting, no bumping. The only thing you can do is read my lips, and that's it."

Wells also said the tape showed umpire Angel Hernandez grabbing him.

"If they touch us, they should be suspended," Wells said. "That's like bumping us, and umpires do it all the time."

No decision is expected before Friday, and Epstein said it will likely be next week before one is handed down.

That leaves Schilling as Boston's most immediate concern. The Red Sox intend to get him seven starts by the end of the regular season, manager Terry Francona said.



Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling pauses during a game with the Detroit Tigers earlier this week. Schilling was recently moved back into the Red Sox starting rotation.



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25 Wisconsin	16-6-1	RV

AVCA Preseason Women's Volleyball Poll

team	prev. record	prev. rank
1 Nebraska	30-2	5
2 Washington	28-3	3
3 Stanford	30-6	1
4 Hawaii	30-1	8
5 Penn State	29-3	7
6 Minnesota	33-5	2
7 Southern California	23-6	4
8 Florida	28-5	15
9 Tennessee	32-3	10
10 Wisconsin	22-10	14
11 Texas	25-5	11
12 Ohio State	30-4	6
13 UCLA	20-11	9
14 Louisville	30-3	16
15 UC Santa Barbara	24-4	21
16 Texas A&M	19-9	20
17 Arizona	19-11	22
18 San Diego	24-5	12
19 California	17-12	18
20 Georgia Tech	27-7	17
21 Missouri	20-9	24
22 Colorado State	26-4	19
23 Saint Mary's (CA)	25-4	13
24 Long Beach St.	24-7	NR
25 Pepperdine	10-15	NR

ITA Preseason Women's Tennis Poll

team	average
1 Stanford	123.60
2 Florida	113.43
3 Texas	106.18
4 Kentucky	105.73
5 Northwestern	97.87
6 Georgia Tech	96.38
7 Southern California	96.21
8 Vanderbilt	94.91
9 Georgia	94.16
10 Clemson	92.61

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



Sixteen-year Cincinnati Bearcats head coach Bob Huggins was given an ultimatum by the new president of the university — step down or be fired. Huggins, the winningest coach in school history, resigned Wednesday.

Huggins agrees to step down at Cincy

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Bob Huggins agreed Wednesday to step down as Cincinnati's basketball coach, ousted by a school president determined to change the program's image.

One day after Huggins was given a choice of resigning or being fired, he agreed to take a \$3 million buyout of his contract. The school's offer includes a chance to stay for three more months, giving advice on basketball recruits and related matters.

"We are working on the

details of the agreement, which may or may not be finalized in the next 24 hours," said Richard Katz, the coach's attorney.

Huggins left Katz's office without comment, dressed in his black Cincinnati jacket, when no final deal was reached on Wednesday.

The university sent Katz a letter earlier in the day outlining the \$3 million buyout. The letter, obtained through a Freedom of Information request, offered Huggins \$110,000 per month for the next three months to stay on and ease the coaching transition.

"His duties will include providing information about the current team, identifying and commenting upon potential recruits, and documenting his institutional memory of the basketball program during his 16-year coaching tenure," the letter said.

An interim coach has not been chosen. The school doesn't anticipate hiring a permanent replacement until after the 2005-06 season, its first in the Big East. The school will have a difficult time attracting recruits in the meantime.

The volcanic coach who won more games than any

one else in Cincinnati history was forced out by an academically minded school president who doesn't like Huggins' history or philosophy. President Nancy Zimpher sent Huggins an ultimatum on Tuesday, giving him 24 hours to either take the buyout, stay in a capacity other than basketball coach or get fired from the job.

"It could happen to anyone when you get hired by a different president," Louisville coach Rick Pitino said Wednesday. "There's a difference in philosophies. It happens. It's a change in CEOs. They have their own people."

IN BRIEF

Armstrong strongly opposes comments by Tour director

WASHINGTON — Lance Armstrong went on the offensive Wednesday, saying it was "preposterous" for the Tour de France director to say that the legendary cyclist "fooled" race officials and the sporting world by cheating his way to seven straight titles.

Comments by Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc appeared in the French sports daily L'Equipe on Wednesday, a day after the newspaper reported that six urine samples provided by Armstrong during the 1999 Tour tested positive for the red blood cell-booster EPO.

"I actually spoke to him for about 30 minutes and he didn't say any of that stuff to me personally," Armstrong said, referring to Leblanc.

"But to say that I've fooled the fans is preposterous. I've been doing this a long time. We have not just one year of only 'B' samples; we have seven years of 'A' and 'B' samples.

They've all been negative," he said during a conference call from Washington, D.C.

Eagles lose Buckhalter to knee surgery

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles keep losing players even before the season begins.

Backup running back Correll Buckhalter, who has a history of injuries, will miss the season after undergoing knee surgery for the third time in four years. Buckhalter, who missed nearly all of training camp, underwent surgery Tuesday to repair a torn patella tendon in his right knee.

Last year, he had season-ending surgery on the same tendon after he injured it in a preseason game.

"He's a great kid," coach Andy Reid said Wednesday. "He worked so hard in the offseason. He came back in phenomenal shape. We were looking forward to getting him back out there. He did some good things. For that to happen, your heart goes out

Lightning sign 'heart and soul' right wing St. Louis

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Lightning took another step to keep the core of their Stanley Cup championship team together Wednesday, signing Martin St. Louis to a six-year contract worth more than \$31 million.

The 30-year-old right wing had 38 goals and 56 assists for 94 points during the 2003-04 season to win the Hart Trophy as MVP, Art Ross Trophy (scoring leader) and Lester B. Pearson Award (MVP as chosen by the players) while leading the Lightning to their first league title.

"I've said it many times in the past and I continue to maintain that Martin St. Louis is the heart and soul of our hockey team," general manager Jay Feaster said.

"Dating all the way back to the summer of 2004, there was never a moment when we were not firmly committed as an organization to getting Marty signed long term."

GOLF — U.S. AMATEUR

NCAA Champ moves on

James Lepp defeats Kyle Reifers to move to second round play

Associated Press

ARDMORE, Pa. — Canadian James Lepp birdied the first playoff hole Wednesday to beat 64th-seeded Kyle Reifers and advance to the second round of the U.S. Amateur at Merion Golf Club.

Lepp, the 2005 NCAA individual champion out of Washington who was the stroke play medalist, rallied from two holes down and forced the playoff by winning the 18th. On the first playoff hole, he hit his approach from 94 yards to within 2 feet and made the birdie putt for the win.

"When I hit the wedge in, I thought, 'Oh, it looks good,'" Lepp said. "It felt good. It just spun down the hill perfectly. I didn't feel real great with the putter today, so it was nice to have that close right-edge putt."

"I felt like I had the momentum and I was going to win this match."

Lepp will face 32nd-seeded Dane Burkhart, a junior from South Carolina-Aiken, in Thursday's second round. Burkhart advanced with a 1-up win over John Holmes.

George Zahringer, 52, also won his first-round match on a playoff hole. He rolled in a 12-foot putt to beat Chandler Cocco, a 20-year-old junior from St. Mary's College in California.

"This was clearly a match that could have gone either way," said Zahringer, the 2002

U.S. Mid-Amateur champion who trailed by three holes after the 11th. "I probably should have lost it. I made some mistakes, some rookie mistakes, but this is a such a great match play course, particularly with those last six holes, that anything can happen."

"I am definitely representing the old guys here. I do have a day job, but when we get on the first tee, I don't really feel old. Sometimes I feel that I've got to adjust a little to how long these younger guys play,

and I'll do a better job of that tomorrow."

Zahringer will face 16-year-old Oliver Fisher, who was a member of the Britain and Ireland's Walker Cup team. Fisher beat U.S. Walker Cup team member Lee Williams 5 and 4.

Gary Wolstenholme, 45, defeated 21-year-old Missouri junior Shawn Jasper. Wolstenholme had a hole-in-one at the 120-yard 13th and went 1-up with a birdie on the 17th before halving the final hole.



James Lepp plays out of a sand trap during U.S. Amateur match play Wednesday. Lepp defeated Kyle Reifers to advance to the second round.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Old SWC stalwarts search for new identity

Ten years later, SMU, TCU, Houston, Rice pine for past glory

Associated Press

For former SMU star Craig James, one night best typifies the passion and tradition of the Southwest Conference.

The unbeaten Mustangs took national championship hopes into their last conference game of 1982 against an 8-1 Arkansas team coached by Lou Holtz. The game drew 65,000 fans to Texas Stadium — more than the Dallas Cowboys did for any game that season — and many were wearing Razorbacks colors.

"It was very intense," James said of the 17-17 tie, the only blemish on SMU's 11-0-1 season. "My brother was walking out of the tunnel and his shirt was all ripped up. I asked him what happened and he said, 'I got in a fight with some Arkansas fans.'"

No conference game since has meant so much for SMU. The same is true for TCU, Houston and Rice, which were also left on the fringes of big-time football after the SWC's 81st and final season a decade ago. The conference dissolved when Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor jumped to the Big 12.

Since then, the SWC's Forgotten Four have fallen from a stable, elite league into the vast midsection of Division I-A football, missing out on millions of dollars in bowl and television revenue while playing before smaller crowds in ever-changing conferences against faraway foes.

But all four have new hope this season.

TCU, by far the most successful, is now in the Mountain West Conference. The Horned Frogs think their third conference in five years moves them closer to the high end of I-A and the lucrative Bowl Championship Series.

Houston, Rice and SMU have been reunited in the latest incarnation of Conference USA, hoping a strong national presence and renewed regional rivalries can boost attendance, TV coverage and recruiting.

Still, none of the schools has fully recovered from the SWC breakup, which came amid a 1990s realignment frenzy that preceded formation of the BCS.

The biggest hit has been financial. It's tough to say exactly how much money the schools have lost since being snubbed by the Big 12 and other major conferences. School officials declined to release football income figures, but losses are easily in the millions.

"You're talking about money at the gate, television money, bowl money," Houston athletic director Dave Maggard said. "You're talking millions of dollars annually."

The most obvious difference is

income from the BCS, the system designed to line up the best teams from the biggest conferences for the highest-paying bowls. Last year, for example, the Big 12 was guaranteed more than \$14 million to split between its members. C-USA and the Mountain West were each guaranteed about \$1 million.

The breakup hasn't hurt as much on the field. Each of the castoffs except SMU has benefited from no longer being fodder for Texas and Texas A&M.

TCU, which just left C-USA, had just one co-championship and five winning seasons in the SWC's final 30 years.

Now the Frogs have played in a bowl six of the past seven years.

Some even credit the SWC's fall for the school's rise.

Former athletic director Eric Hyman recalled a prominent TCU official praising the breakup as the only way for the private Fort Worth school to build its program.

"I looked at him like he had three eyes," said Hyman, now South Carolina's AD. "Ultimately though, if you look at the program now, he was right on target."

The Frogs jumped to a 10-0 start in 2003, rose to No. 6 in the BCS rankings and sparked a national debate about whether a smaller-conference team should play in a BCS bowl. They ended up losing their 11th game, and new MWC rival Utah went on to become the first BCS buster in 2004.

That gives new AD Danny Morrison reason to believe TCU picked the right league. The BCS plans to re-evaluate automatic berths starting in 2008, and Morrison says the Mountain West could be a logical choice.

"All I'm saying is the conference is well-positioned to have an opportunity to move into that select company at some point," he said.

The timetable is shorter for Houston.

"Our goal is to be right back as a national program — today," Maggard said.

It might sound too optimistic, but consider Houston's history. The Cougars were the last to join the SWC, arriving in 1976 and promptly winning a share of the title and the Cotton Bowl. After the SWC folded, Houston tied for first in C-USA's first season and went to the Liberty Bowl.

It's been up and down since for the Cougars, who were last in the national spotlight when Andre Ware and David Klingler were racking up ridiculous passing statistics in the late 1980s and early '90s.

Houston is in the same C-USA division with Rice, SMU, Texas-El Paso, Tulane and Tulsa.

Rice coach Ken Hatfield, who won two SWC titles as Arkansas' coach, said regional rivalries will draw fans and recruits.

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Houston athletic director

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With this spring's chart-topping hit **Lonely**, Akon is a familiar name in the music world. His hits include **Locked Up, Ghetto**, the current hit with Baby Bash **Baby, I'm Back**, and his new single **Bananza (Belly Dancer)**. Akon has also been nominated for a MTV2 Video Award at the 2005 VMAs.

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Dodger infighting escalates

Bradley says Kent does not know "how to deal with African American people"

Associated Press

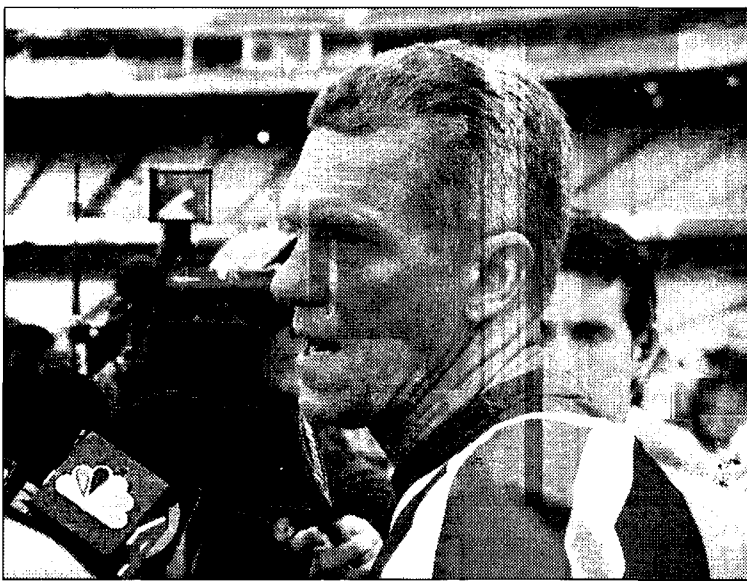
Milton Bradley and Jeff Kent are still at odds. Los Angeles Dodgers manager Jim Tracy and general manager Paul DePodesta wish they weren't — especially now that Bradley has injected race into the equation.

Bradley accused Kent of a lack of leadership and an inability to deal with black players in a 15-minute session with reporters at his locker before Tuesday night's 8-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

The remarks came only a couple of minutes after he said that the feud between the two that became public last week-end in Florida was a "dead issue."

"The problem is, he doesn't know how to deal with African-American people," Bradley said. "I think that's what's causing everything. It's a pattern of things that have been said — things said off the cuff that I don't interpret as funny. It may be funny to him, but it's not funny to Milton Bradley. But I don't take offense to that because we all joke about race in here. Race is an issue with everything we do in here."

"Me being an African-American is the most important thing to me — more important than baseball," said the 27-year-old center fielder, whose voice never went



Dodgers manager Paul Tracy speaks to reporters Wednesday about troubles between players Jeff Kent and Milton Bradley.

beyond his normal speaking level. "White people never want to see race — with anything. But there's race involved in baseball. That's why there's less than 9 percent African-American representation in the game. I'm one of the few African-Americans that starts here."

Bradley did not like what Kent said to him after he failed to score from first base on a double in Saturday's victory over the Florida Marlins. Bradley initiated a 25-minute closed-door meeting with Tracy after that game.

"I was told in spring training I was the team leader — by Paul DePodesta. By Jim Tracy. By (team owner) Frank McCourt," Bradley said. "Growing up in L.A., I know how to deal with all types of people, and I do it on an every-

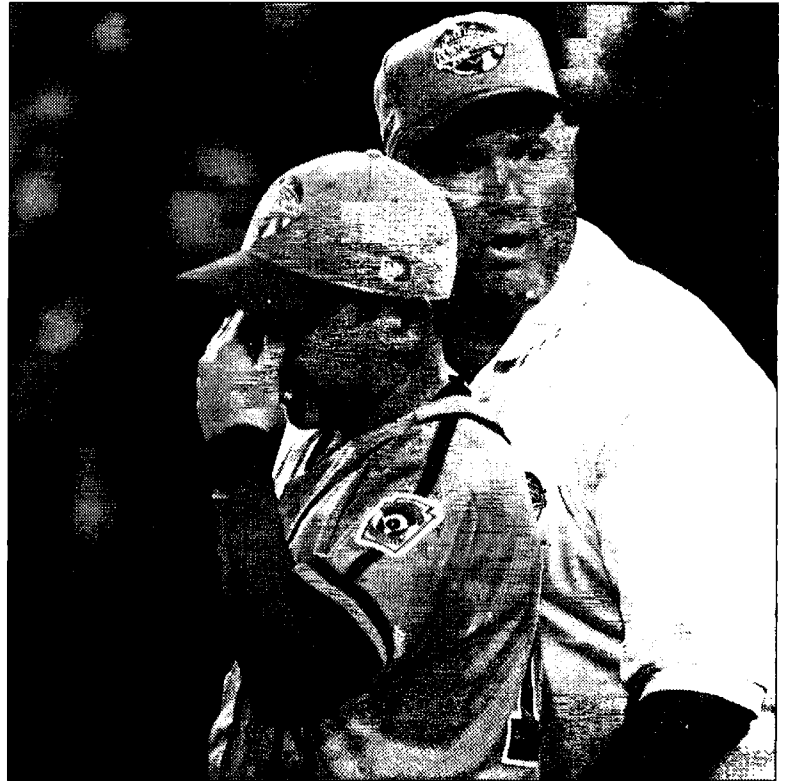
day basis. But some people don't deal with all different types of people every day, and therefore don't know how to handle situations when they arise."

DePodesta issued a statement after Tuesday's game, saying: "Everyone at the Los Angeles Dodgers is committed to winning. It has been a frustrating season for all of us and our fans, as we have dealt with plenty of adversity."

"We have a talented team of passionate players who take their performance — as well as the team's performance — personally. Under the circumstances, it is not unusual for players' emotions to run high. However, if and when any issue arises that runs contrary to the goals and values of the organization, there should be no question that we address it."

LLWS

West downs Southeast to advance to U.S. final



Maitland, Fla. manager Sid Cash, right, pulls pitcher Dante Bichette, Jr., during their 6-2 loss to Vista, Calif. Wednesday.

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. — Talk about a net gain for Rancho Buena Vista.

A disputed call went its way, and now the team from California is on the way to the United States title game at the Little League World Series.

An apparent three-run home run by Maitland, Fla., was instead ruled a double, and that was the break Rancho Buena Vista needed in a 6-2 semifinal victory Wednesday night.

"We play all year setting goals," Rancho Buena Vista manager Marty Miller said. "Now our goal is to get to the [World Series] championship game."

In an international semifinal game Wednesday, Japan was an 11-0 winner over Surrey, British Columbia.

Guam will play defending series champion Willemstad, Curacao, and West Oahu of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, will face Lafayette, La., in the other semis on Thursday.

The world championship is Sunday.

The controversial play came in the bottom of the third with Maitland down 2-0.

With two runners on and two out, Mike Tomlinson laced a line drive off winning pitcher Kalen Pimentel that hit about a foot up the netting attached to the left-field foul pole, hit the top of the wall and bounced back into play.

Tomlinson thought he homered, but the umps immediately ruled the hit a two-run double. Maitland manager Sid Cash dashed out to argue, but — without the benefit of replay — the call was not reversed.

"It just hurt the momentum for us," Cash said. "I think if we're up 3-2, we'd have the lead and then see how they'd respond. It has an affect on everything."

Little League spokesman Lance Van Auken issued a statement of support for left field umpire Steve Ouellet, saying, "It

is very easy to make a call after seeing a replay at various angles. Even Major League Baseball umpires make mistakes."

Cash refused to let Ouellet off the hook.

"For him not to come out and look at it, he has no base calls to make," Cash said.

Miller was too busy celebrating — and talking about potential U.S. championship game opponents — to worry about the call.

"I really don't want to get into the umpire situation," he said. "The tape will speak for itself."

The disputed call came back to hurt Southeast champ Maitland (2-2) even more in the fourth.

Rancho Buena Vista's Reed Reznicek walked and went to second on a sacrifice bunt. Johnny Dee's single was bobbled by the center fielder, allowing Reznicek to score for a 3-2 lead.

Dee was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a double.

Maitland threatened again in the fourth, putting runners on first and second with one out, but left them stranded.

The lost home run was too much for Maitland to overcome.

"We needed that momentum to make them come after us," Cash said.

Rancho Buena Vista (4-0) scored three runs in the sixth to seal its 24th straight win.

Pimentel, who has two grand slams and tied a Little League World Series record for a six-inning game with 18 strikeouts, struck out nine and walked two in a complete game.

Dante Bichette Jr. took the loss for Maitland, giving up six runs — four earned — and striking out four in 5 1-3 innings.

Maitland coaches Dante Bichette and Mike Stanley never won a World Series championship in the major leagues and they're going to have to wait to win one in Little League.

Rancho Buena Vista went ahead 1-0 in the second when Royce Copeland doubled.

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FOOTBALL

Irish coaches looking to spread talent around

Offensive installation mostly complete with Pitt game approaching

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Charlie Weis made a name for himself in New England. As the offensive coordinator of the Patriots, he won three Super Bowls in four years by running an unpredictable offense based on attacking weak spots in opponents' defense.

Now, as he enters his first year as coach at Notre Dame, he is trying to win the same reputation — and games — by using his players' talents in the most efficient way possible. And so far, the installation of his offense is moving steadily.

"I think that with a week and a half to go, ... we have the foundation set that we can go ahead and game plan each week," Weis said.

With ten starters returning on offense, Weis has plenty of talent to go around. One challenge that comes with this luxury is to find the right position for each player. Rashon Powers-Neal, for example, has moved from fullback to running back in hopes of finding a better fit in the offense. The running back spot is already crowded with Darius Walker, Travis Thomas and Justin Hoskins in the mix. The addition of Powers-Neal leaves Weis with what could be too much talent.

"I think that we have enough offense [already installed] ... in that we understand who our personnel is," Weis said. "There is still a little jockeying between a second or third guy ... how are we going to rotate people?"

Notre Dame offensive coordinator and running backs coach Michael Haywood believes having a large number of quality players, especially running backs, is always an asset.

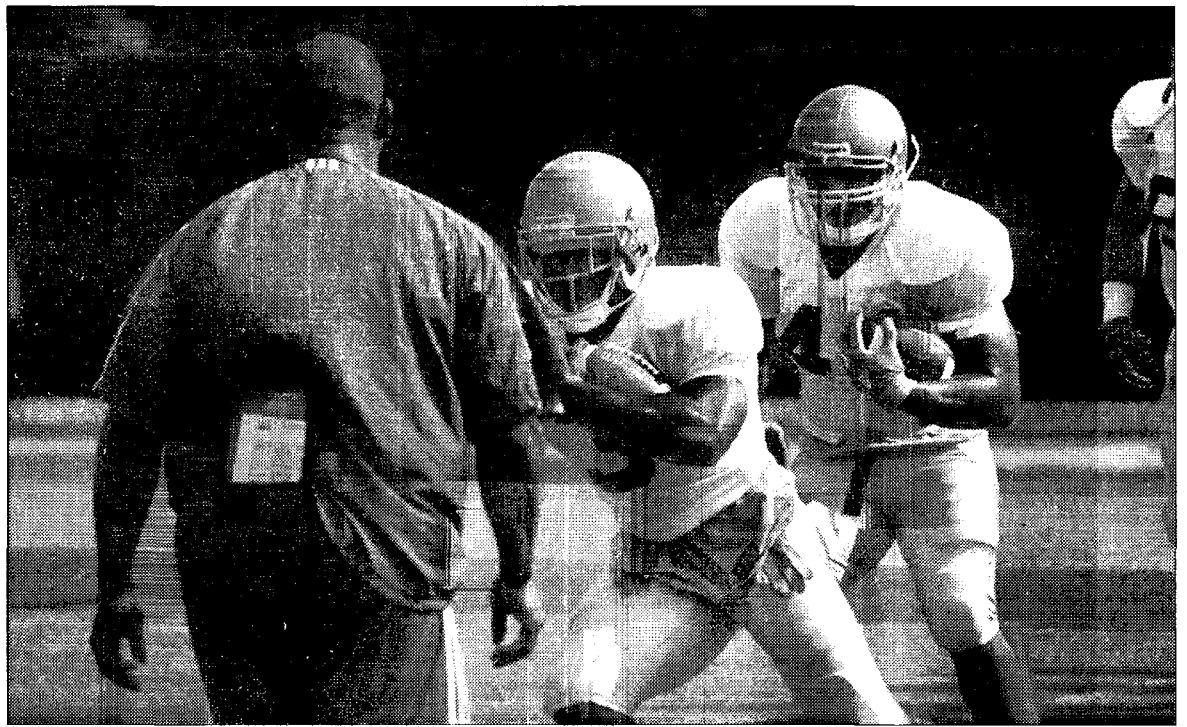
"I think Darius [Walker] has the ability to be one of the finest running backs in the country," Haywood said. "But at the same time I think that we have other quality backs

that can come in and do an outstanding job. So we're going to play as many guys that are capable of playing."

Besides trying to get all their talent on the field, the staff also has to decide how to teach players what to do in situations that might not come up for several games.

"We still have some things we have to fit in," Weis said. "So the first time stuff happens, it isn't 'well what do we do now, coach?'"

Haywood believes the team is adapting quickly to what the coaches want to do in particular moments of the game. "I think the guys are starting to understand what we're asking for in certain situations," Haywood said. "They're extremely coachable young men and extremely intelligent, so they learn on the run."



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Asaph Schwapp, right, and Darius Walker, center, participate in drills as Irish offensive coordinator/running backs coach Michael Haywood observes during practice Aug. 17.

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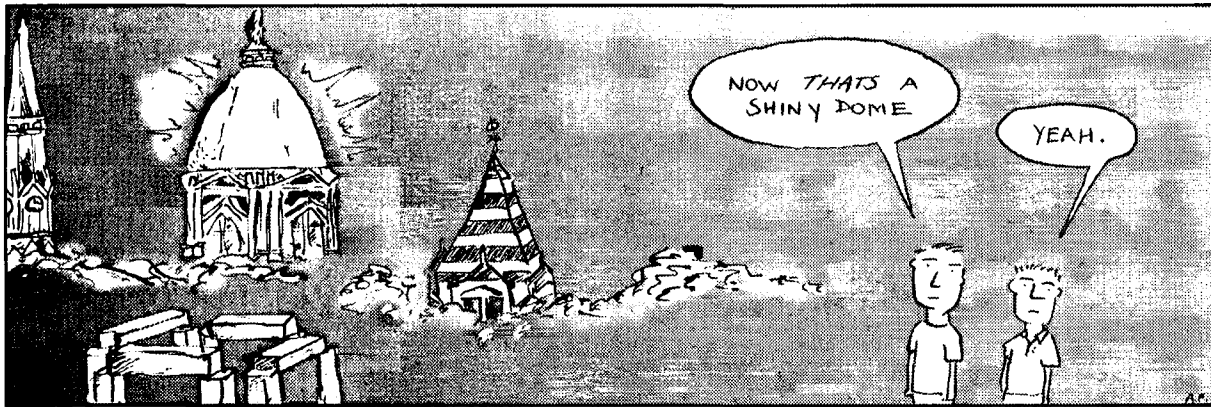
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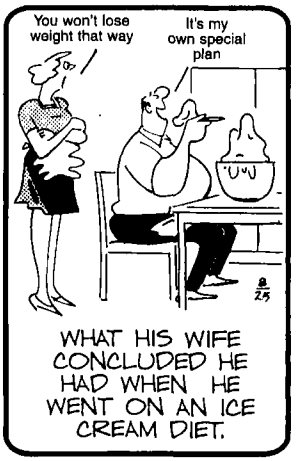
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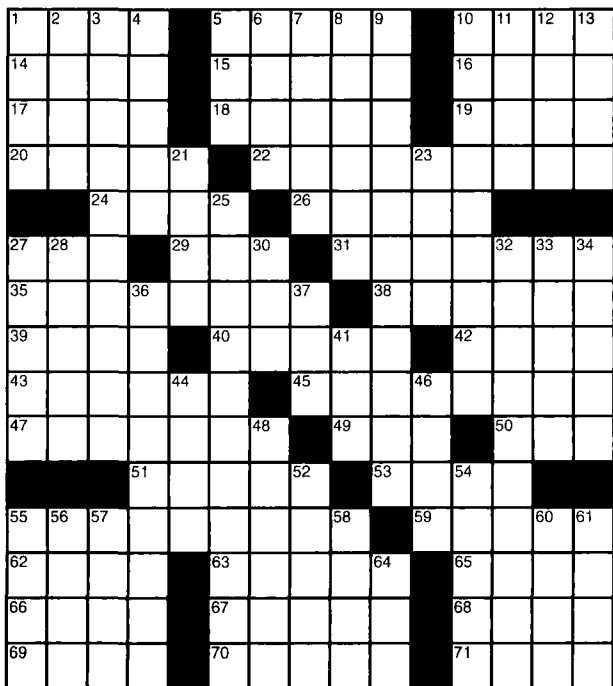
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 - 5 Word to a pest
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 - 14 Maintain
 - 15 Personal guide
 - 16 Field measure
 - 17 "Shoot!"
 - 18 Brahman, e.g.
 - 19 Word with slip or slide
 - 20 Graybeard
 - 22 Certain hammers
 - 24 Utah city
 - 26 Bizet priestess
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 - 29 Amount from a tube
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 - 35 Pretax amount
 - 38 Show defiance
 - 39 Leslie Caron musical
 - 40 Moving, after "on"
 - 42 "Alphabetic" girl's name
 - 43 Volatile solvent
 - 45 A billionaire might live in it
 - 47 Thick—
 - 49 Delicate subject
 - 50 Successor org. to the U.S.S.R.
 - 51 Poke
 - 53 Work like Rembrandt, at times
 - 55 Shooting pain
 - 59 Monteverdi opera character
 - 62 Food with gravy
 - 63 Prudential competitor
 - 65 Pat on the buns?
 - 66 56, say
 - 67 Smart
 - 68 ___ speed
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Like many a clothes basket
 - 3 Stuffed with ham and cheese and then sautéed
 - 4 Manager's boss
 - 5 U.Va. or M.I.T.
 - 6 Sleeping place
 - 7 Kidney-related
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 - 9 2001 hit movie musical
 - 10 Grimace
 - 11 Spots before the eyes?
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 - 21 Completely fix
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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Meshach Taylor, 58; Louise Lasser, 66; Joel Grey, 73; Johnny Messner, 35

Happy Birthday: Stop putting pressure on yourself and start to do the possible. This can be a highly energetic year, but getting started will be the problem. Surround yourself with people who can support you emotionally. A change is headed your way by year-end so prepare to accept something new. Your numbers are 1, 13, 22, 27, 33, 38

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get down to business early today so you have plenty of time later in the day for socializing and romance. You may have to take care of the needs of an older relative. Organization will be the key to fitting everything in. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Digging your heels in and refusing to budge may work against you in the end. Don't oppose the very people who are trying to do something to help you. Anger will not help you find a solution to a disagreement. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you find yourself a little confused about someone you recently met, stick to your longtime friends. Problems with authority figures or while traveling can be expected. Do something to help a cause you believe in. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Good times are ahead if you take part in activities that include a lot of people. You will make new friends or even get involved in a business partnership. Put a little time aside for love and romance. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may know exactly what it is you are trying to accomplish. Expect some opposition along the way. Take the path of least resistance and steer clear of people who like to play devil's advocate. **

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Hope you've planned a day trip or business trip. You will make the greatest gains if you are en route both personally and professionally. Your mind is open to change and new ideas. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get angry about the things that aren't happening in your life. Do something about it and hold on to what you've got. There will be plenty of people trying to take your cash without your giving it away. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A new partnership will give you a positive spin on something you've been trying to do for some time. You can make deals and sign contracts. Consider starting or expanding your own business interests. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A stubborn colleague may put a hold on what you are trying to accomplish today. Prepare to deal with this person before it's too late. Do whatever it takes to drum up the support you need. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can't win at a personal level, and chances are good that you will have trouble with your peers today. Book into a spa, get a massage, go to the hairdresser, get a consultation with a makeover expert, but don't just sit around trying to force people who aren't going to budge. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can expect to face difficulties with someone regarding emotional issues you probably don't want to deal with. You aren't likely to be able to talk someone into changing his or her mind, so don't bother. Prepare yourself for your next big adventure. **

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The more you do with friends or the more involved you become in your community, the more you will get in return. Consider the relationships you have with different people, and if you haven't been getting anything back, you may want to let go. ****

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Brewing up honors

Lauren Brewster looks to lead the Irish deep into the NCAAs

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

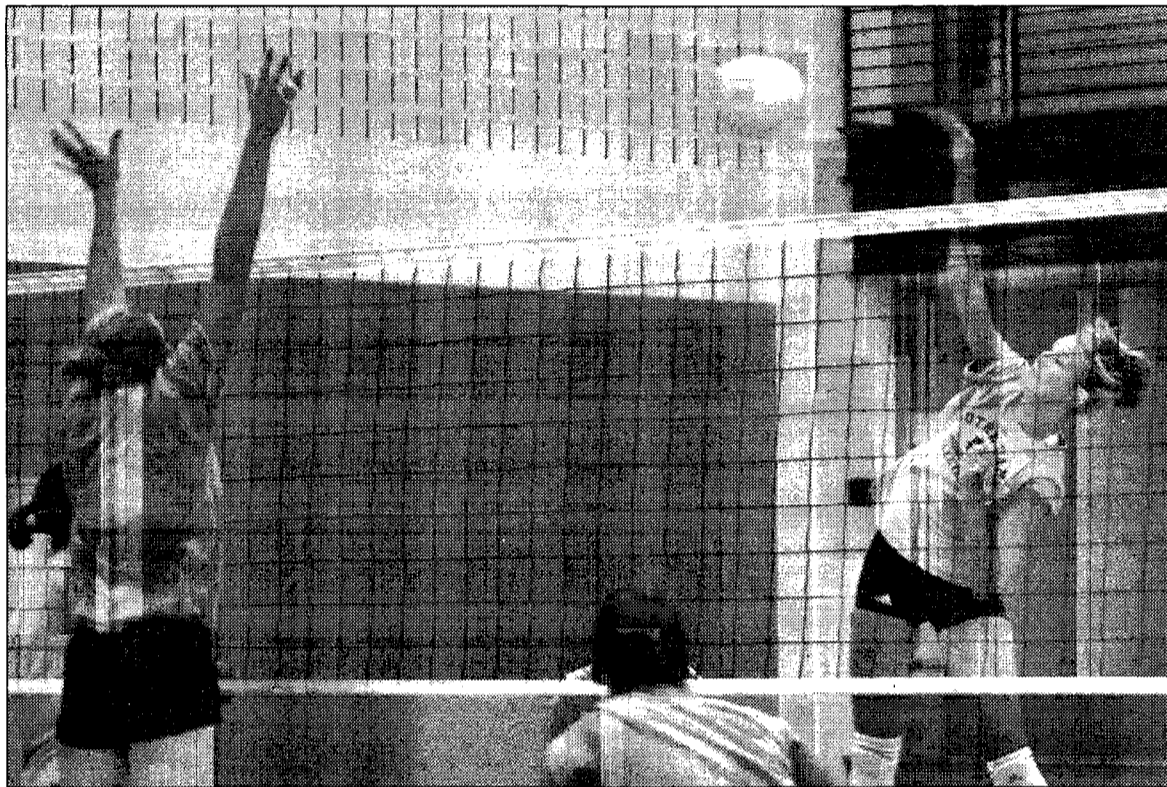
Lauren Brewster doesn't listen to any out-of-the-ordinary music to prep her for big games. She doesn't showboat much on the court. And she isn't the loudest person on the Notre Dame volleyball team. So what sets her apart from her teammates?

Her play, her leadership and her humility.

"I think that in the past I've tried more to lead by example, but that's one of the things that I know I need to work on, to be more of a vocal leader," Brewster said. "[Sophomore setter] Ashley Tarutis, on our team, does a great job of that."

Brewster, a 6-foot-3 senior middle blocker, has developed into one the nation's top all-around players.

She is the Big East preseason player of the year and along with fellow senior Meg Hlenican



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Pre-season Big East Player of the Year Lauren Brewster, right, spikes the ball past the outstretched arms of teammate Lauren Kelbley, left, during practice Aug. 17.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Playko back from Germany

By RYAN KIEFER
Sports Writer

Two years ago, Saint Mary's junior Kristen Playko was on top of the MIAA volleyball world.

The outside hitter led the team with 496 kills and was named first-team all-conference as a freshman.

Playko, however, has higher aspirations. She hopes one day to be on top of the international business world.

This desire influenced her decision to spend all of last year abroad in Austria, forgoing her sophomore season.

The Norwalk, Ohio native does not regret her decision.

She viewed it as an opportunity to combine her career aspirations with her fluency in

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ND ATHLETICS

Swanagan appointed to work with students

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame men's basketball captain Harold Swanagan has been named coordinator of student welfare and development at Notre Dame, the University announced Wednesday.



Swanagan

Swanagan, who served as an intern with the basketball team's strength and conditioning program during the 2004-05 school year, accepted the new position Friday.

He will work directly with Charmelle Green, director of the student-athlete development and welfare program, to get athletes involved in community service and rewarded for academic success, among other

goals.

"To me it's like coaching, but it's coaching kids on life," Swanagan said Wednesday night.

The Student Development program focuses on five areas in providing a balanced experience for student-athletes at Notre Dame: academic excellence, athletic success, career preparation, community involvement and personal development.

It teaches skills that land former Division-I athletes like Swanagan, a former Big East Academic All-Star, in jobs outside the realm of a specific sport.

"I'll be teaching athletes that there's something outside the arena," he said.

Swanagan played forward for the Irish from 1998-2002 and averaged 6.2 points and 4.6 rebounds during his career.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Langenkamp wins tourney



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Eric Langenkamp follows through during an April 9 match against Ball State. The Irish senior won the ITA national championship.

Tennis player takes ITA national title after semifinal win over Purdue rival

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Although it's unlikely that someone will ask Eric Langenkamp to write an essay about his summer vacation, the Notre Dame senior has a clear highlight — taking first place in the singles division of the ITA National Summer Championships.

The three-time monogram winner was 6-0 in dual-match play for the Irish in the No. 6 spot last season.

"It just showed that hard work pays off," he said. "I played a lot of matches over the summer

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

FOOTBALL

Coach Charlie Weis and his assistants are trying to find ways to put as many talented players on the field as possible.

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Dodgers center fielder Milton Bradley accuses teammate Jeff Kent of not knowing "how to deal with African American people."

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Rancho Buena Vista, Calif. crushed Maitland, Fla. 6-2 to win a spot in the United States' bracket title game.

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2005 NCAA Champion James Lepp advances to the second round of the U.S. Amateur, defeating Kyle Reifers in a playoff.

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FC Dallas defeats DC despite Freddy Adu's return from injury.

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White Sox 9 Twins 4
Mark Buerhle allows one run in eight innings to lead Chicago past Minnesota.

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